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Private fund plan in legal aid shake-up

By Frances Gibb, Legal Affairs Correspondent

Proposals for a national private funding scheme for people who cannot obtain legal aid are being drawn up by the Law Society in the face of government cuts of publicly financed legal services.

Legal aid, expected to cost £600 million by 1990, is being squeezed at both ends: Some poorer families are being cut out of the scheme by curbs on eligibility, while there are plans to take some work — such as wills and conveyancing — out of the scheme.

The legal aid scheme has long been a source of injustice for many middle-class families who do not qualify but who cannot afford to go to law themselves, or the "middle class income trap". Alternatively, they won cases against legally-aided opponents and had to find their own costs.

A committee of the Law Society, which represents 45,000 solicitors in England and Wales, has drafted proposals for an independent way to fund court cases outside the scope of legal aid.

The key elements are:

● A legal services mutual fund, under which those with a claim would pay a fixed sum or premium in the order of £350 which would cover all the costs of that case.

● A limited contingency fees scheme — the first to be envisaged for this country — whereby lawyers are paid by results. This is proposed for tribunal work, outside the legal aid scheme.

Law Society officials have refused to comment on the proposals, which have not yet been before its Council.

But they amount to fundamental change in the way litigation in Britain is financed, amid the prospect of legal aid cuts to be announced in a White Paper in three weeks' time and likely curbs on what is one of the fastest growing areas of the public purse.

The proposals have been triggered by last year's legal aid scrutiny report on which the Government is planning to base its White Paper. But the Law Society's concern goes wider: It believes that future Governments will increasingly look for ways of controlling what has until now been a demand-led area of public spending.

The draft proposals will go before a special Law Society committee for approval on Thursday. None involves legislation and could be acted on swiftly if subsequently agreed on by the Law Society Council.

There has always been opposition to contingency fee arrangements on the ground that it is ethically unacceptable for lawyers to have an interest in the outcome of a case.

But there has been mounting support for contingency work among solicitors.

To meet the objections, the committee is considering a proposal that solicitors who take on tribunal work should be paid out of the interest which accummulates in the legal services fund. In that way, the solicitor would not benefit directly from the client's success.

Although Lord Hailsham, the Lord Chancellor, is against such arrangements, which cannot be enforced in statute to ensure the client pays, it is believed that tribunals are beyond the scope of legislation.

The more far-reaching but less controversial proposal for a legal services mutual fund, would probably be supported by one of the big insurance companies. This would cover all areas of litigation where costs or damages are awarded

Under the proposals, a client would enter the scheme through a solicitor. If the solicitor deemed there was a reasonable case, the client would pay a sum up to a fixed limit, which would cover all costs.

The exact figure, based on an estimate of how many people are likely to use the scheme, has yet to be fixed. But it is thought that at around £300 to £350 the growing number of litigants excluded from the legal aid scheme could be covered.

The Lord Chancellor's White Paper is likely to include some proposals for trimming legal aid which appeared in a scrutiny report by Treasury officials last year.

Mr Roy Jenkins, chief Treasury spokesman for the Alliance, who will lead their economics team.

SDP takes leading role in Alliance election team

By Philip Webster, Chief Political Correspondent

Senior members of the Social Democratic Party have won most of the main Cabinet-shadowing posts in the Alliance's general election team, with key jobs going to Mr Roy Jenkins and Mrs Shirley Williams.

Dr David Owen, who unveiled the team yesterday with Mr David Steel, fought off opposition from some Liberals to secure his own choice, Mr John Cartwright, as the Alliance's defence spokesman.

Mr Jenkins, the former Labour chancellor and SDP leader, who as one of the party's elder statesmen has been content to hold general speaking responsibilities in recent years, returns to the centre of the political stage as the Alliance chief Treasury and economic spokesman.

Mrs Williams, the SDP president, who is to stand at Cambridge at the next election, is to be home affairs spokesman. Mr William Rodgers, the other original "gang of four" member who, like Mrs Williams, is not an MP at present, is to be energy spokesman.

Mr Alan Beith, Liberal deputy leader, is to be the foreign affairs spokesman, Mr David Alton, Northern Ireland spokesman, Mr Paddy Ashdown, education, Mr Michael Meadowcroft, housing and local government, Lady Seear, social services, and Mr Simon Hughes, health. Mr Ian Wrigglesworth is to be trade and industry spokesman and Mr Robert Maclennan spokesman on agriculture and fisheries.

Mr David Penhaligon, who was killed in a car accident three weeks ago, was to have been employment spokesman in the economics team led by Mr Jenkins. That job has now gone to Mr Malcolm Bruce.

Although Liberal MPs are to hold fewer of the leading shadow posts, they hold the majority of places in the 24-member team, reflecting their bigger numbers in the House.

The greatest controversy came on defence. Although Mr Cartwright was on the original draft list, some Liberals felt that he was too close to Dr Owen in the Alliance defence dispute. They suggested that Mr Rodgers, who has always been keen on the energy job, should be given the task because of his more conciliatory role in the disagreement over whether Polaris should be replaced.

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Mr Steel and his advisers accepted that the wide experience in government of figures such as Mrs Williams, Mr Rodgers and Mr Jenkins should be recognized and would enhance the Alliance's credibility.

Mr Steel said the selection would mean there was a group of people who could speak with authority on particular subjects and appear in radio and television broadcasts as the Alliance spokesmen.

Mr Steel said: "We were fully conscious of the need to keep a balance. We have in the main gone for whom we think is the best person, irrespective of party, to fill a particular post, and that has worked out very happily."

Dr Owen said: "It is a well-balanced list and in terms of credibility stands well against that of the other parties."

The appointments, together with the painstaking discussions on policy which led to the *Partnership for Progress* document and the agreement last week on the seats to be fought by each party, are seen as a boost for the Alliance.

Mr Bryan Gould, Labour Party campaign coordinator, said every policy area where a split existed between the two parties had been resolved in favour of the SDP.

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Mrs Shirley Williams: home affairs spokesman.

Arctic weather forecast to last all week

By David Cross

The bitterly cold spell, which brought travel chaos to many parts of Britain yesterday, is likely to persist until the end of the week, according to forecasts last night.

London experienced its coldest day since records began in 1940, with a maximum temperature of -4.7C after a minimum overnight of -8.6C. In parts of the country temperatures dropped to -16C.

The worst snow fell in the South-east, with parts of Kent and Essex reporting drifts of up to 20feet. Hundreds of passengers were trapped on trains in Kent and many schools were closed.

On the Isle of Sheppey in the Thames estuary, where winds whipped the snow into deep drifts, four Automobile Association vehicles were trapped as they tried to rescue each other, and a police four-wheel drive vehicle had to turn back. Sheerness fire station was snowed in, unable to answer emergency calls. Southend had two feet of snow.

Large queues built up at many food stores as families tried to stock up with basics. "It is real panic buying," said Mr Ray Webb, manager of a Safeway store in Chatham, Kent. "They are buying baked beans, canned vegetables, tinned meat, as well as bread and milk."

More than 600 passengers were stranded all Sunday night in unheated trains in the Medway area of Kent. One train running from Charing Cross to Dover took more than 13 hours to get to Ashford after it was stopped by snow drifts. When it arrived at Maidstone, British Rail officials offered passengers hot tea and coffee.

As BR finally admitted defeat and advised thousands of commuters in Essex and Kent to stay at home, the AA reported one of its busiest mornings on record with 4,400 emergency calls from motorists — 1,000 more than its previous worst day. A spokesman described the two counties as virtual no-go areas and urged drivers to make only essential journeys.

In Berkshire, at least three people died from hypothermia. Mr John Gardiner, aged 45, a bachelor who lived alone in Bracknell, was found slumped in front of a fire which had gone out and a woman pensioner and a man died at Maidenhead. Children at nine Berkshire schools were advised to stay at home because of the cold.

In Norfolk, half the county's 200 schools were closed and ambulance services operated a restricted service.

Wales suffered one of its coldest nights on record with temperatures at Cardiff airport down to -8.3C. A 20mph limit was imposed on the Severn Bridge because of ice and some bus services were delayed when diesel fuel froze.

A spokesman at Glasgow weather centre said that the coldest temperature recorded

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Guinness finance director resigns

By Lawrence Lever

The Government's investigation into Guinness claimed its third casualty yesterday when Mr Olivier Roux resigned as finance director of the troubled brewing and leisure group.

Mr Roux's resignation comes after the departure of Mr Ernest Saunders on Friday as chairman and chief executive and the enforced resignation last month of Mr Roger Seelig from Morgan Grenfell, former advisers to Guinness.

All three were members of the five-man Guinness "war cabinet" which masterminded Guinness's tactics during its battle with Argyll for control of Distillers.

Mr Roux tendered his resignation on Sunday. Guinness said yesterday that the board accepted it "with regret".

In a prepared statement Mr Roux said: "I have at all times sought to act in the best interests of the company and its shareholders. The board has now to consider the appropriate structure to carry the company forward in the long term and I believe that it is proper for me to offer my resignation."

Mr Roux's resignation was regarded as inevitable after he admitted last week to being intimately involved with the wide-ranging price support operations carried out to boost Guinness's share price during the bid for Distillers.

A letter sent by Mr Roux last Monday to Kingsley Napley, Guinness's solicitors, outlined the operations and also precipitated the downfall of Mr Saunders.

The letter said that Mr Saunders was aware of Mr Roux's activities. It contents came as a complete surprise to Guinness's executive directors and cost Mr Saunders their support on the board.

Commenting on the letter, Mr Roux said yesterday that "following careful consideration of my obligations as a director of Guinness I decided that the board should be advised of certain facts".

Meanwhile the government inspectors have widened their inquiries, asking several stockbroking firms — who were not directly connected to any of the companies in the takeover battle — to provide precise details of their dealings in Guinness and Distillers shares.

The inspectors are interested also in the considerable amount of unsolicited purchases of Guinness shares coming from Swiss and Lichtenstein-based institutions.

Esso first with 6p petrol price rise

By Teresa Poole, Business Correspondent

Esso yesterday took the lead in pushing up petrol prices and announced that a gallon of four star would rise by about 6p to 175.5p from the start of business today. Diesel goes up by 5p to 159.6p.

The move came as the freezing weather helped crude oil prices to reach their highest level for almost a year. Prices surged about 45 cents a barrel and one cargo of Brent, the most widely traded North Sea crude, changed hands at $18.85 a barrel for delivery in February.

Other oil companies are expected to follow the Esso increase. Mobil will fall into line at midnight today, Shell said there was a "very strong likelihood" it would put up prices from tomorrow morning, and British Petroleum said a rise was "under active consideration".

But the strong oil price means motorists are likely to face a further round of petrol price increases before the end of the month. Last week Texaco said a 10p increase was needed to restore profit margins and yesterday the oil industry was privately indicating this level of overall increase would be achieved in two stages.

Crude oil prices have gained about $4.50 a barrel since the beginning of December.

Israelis to be told of Irish fury

By Nicholas Beeston

The Israeli Ambassador to London will receive a strongly worded rebuke today when he is summoned to Dublin about the killing by Israeli troops of an Irish peacekeeper in southern Lebanon on Saturday.

According to diplomatic sources in Dublin, the Irish Foreign Minister, Mr Peter Barry, is expected to lodge the "strongest protest ever" about Israeli military conduct in the area when he meets the Israeli envoy, Mr Yehuda Avner, whose responsibilities extend to Ireland.

Mr Barry said he was "disgusted" by the death of Corporal Dermot McLoughlin, who was killed by an Israeli tank shell while on duty at a UN position. The Irish Defence Minister, Mr Patrick O'Toole, described the Israeli action as "tantamount to murder".

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Protest at secrecy on convoy

The Labour Party was yesterday putting pressure on the Government to release full details of the weekend road accident involving a convoy of army vehicles suspected of carrying nuclear weapons.

Mr Martin O'Neill, a party defence spokesman, has tabled a series of parliamentary questions. The Ministry of Defence has refused to say whether nuclear materials were involved Page 2

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The French believe the rout of one of Colonel Gadaffi's main garrisons near the Chadian oasis of Fada 10 days ago has created a significantly new situation in the struggle against Libya Page 6

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Prince's farewell to Marines

By Alan Hamilton

Prince Edward yesterday resigned his commission in the Royal Marines after completing only four months of his officer training course, and left his base at Lympstone in Dorset to face an as-yet-uncertain future.

The decision of the Queen's youngest son, aged 22, to abandon an apparently promising military career, was announced by Buckingham Palace yesterday morning. It was taken after a week of agonising and intensive discussion with senior Marine officers and with his family at Sandringham. Three quarters of an hour after the decision was announced, the Prince drove himself out of the West Country training depot for the last time.

The Palace statement said: "Prince Edward is leaving the Marines with great regret but has concluded that he does not wish to make the service his long-term career." The Prince had made his decision "after much consideration", the Palace said, and added that a statement about his future plans was not expected for some time. They would not comment on the Queen and the Duke of Edinburgh's reaction to their son's decision, except to say: "I am sure they understand it."

Prince Edward announced his final decision to the Queen and the Duke of Edinburgh at

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Kinnock's US visit postponed

By Philip Webster
Chief Political Correspondent

Mr Neil Kinnock's second trip to the United States to explain his non-nuclear defence policy has been postponed because President Reagan is unable to find time to see him.

The Labour leader had been hoping to see the President next month, along with other senior Administration officials including Mr George Shultz, the Secretary of State, Mr Caspar Weinberger, Secretary of Defence, and Vice-President George Bush.

But he has been told that the President's busy schedule, including the heavy pressure of the Irangate hearings, makes it impossible for him to find a slot in his working timetable in February.

The delay is an obvious setback to Mr Kinnock, but his staff were stressing last night that the trip would still go ahead when Mr Reagan was available.

It was emphasized that there was no question of the President or his leading aides refusing to meet Mr Kinnock.

The Labour leader clearly wants to see Mr Reagan before the general election. His first trip last month to Atlanta, Boston, New York and Washington was not hailed as a great success by the British media, but Mr Kinnock has challenged the impression

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Strike protest in Paris

Despite the crumbling of the strikes which have been crippling France, and the allaying of the economic crisis caused by the run on the French franc, right-wing parties yesterday rallied thousands of Parisians in protest against the stoppages

The EMS agreement to solve the run on the French franc, reached early yesterday after 10 hours of talks, revalued the mark and the Dutch guilder upwards by 3 per cent and the Belgian and Luxembourg francs upwards by 2 per cent.

Waite arrives in Beirut and drops out of sight

From Juan Carlos Gumucio
Beirut

Mr Terry Waite was his usual self — warm, confident and very cryptic — before he dropped out of sight yesterday evening, only a few hours after his arrival in west Beirut in a new bid to win the release of all hostages held in Lebanon.

It was not clear whether he had left the Riviera Hotel on west Beirut's seafront or had chosen the seclusion of his second-floor room to await calls in the hope they could lead to face-to-face encounters with the abductors of French and American hostages.

The same militiamen of the Progressive Socialist Party who fetched Mr Waite from the airport and drove him through a massive traffic jam to the safety of the Druze-controlled neighborhood of Ein el-Mreisseh, were making sure no one had a clue about his moves.

Mr Waite himself was more cautious than usual in his public remarks, which were mainly devoted to emphasizing his faith in humanitarian missions, his hopes for peace in Lebanon and, repeatedly, the independent nature of his effort.

● **Relatives hopeful:** Friends and relatives of a British and an Irish hostage held in Lebanon were hopeful yesterday that Mr Waite's surprise visit to Beirut might uncover new information about their fate (Nicholas Beeston writes).

Muslim kidnappers in Lebanon are holding 18 Westerners, including Mr John McCarthy, aged 30, from Essex, the acting Beirut bureau chief of Worldwide Television News, and Mr Brian Keenan, aged 36, from Belfast.

A third hostage, Mr Alec Collett, aged 64, a British journalist for the United Nations, is believed by his family in London to be dead.

Mr McCarthy's fiancée, Miss Jill Morrell, who returned from a visit to the Middle East last month, said she hoped that the Archbishop of Canterbury's special envoy would use his contacts to establish a link.

Although the Foreign Office said it has not received any information about Mr McCarthy in the last few weeks, Mr Waite said his sources in Beirut had informed him that the Briton was alive.

In the case of Mr Keenan, a Protestant from Belfast who travels on an Irish passport, officials in Dublin said the only clue to his fate came last year when a released French hostage said he was slipped a note by a hostage which read: "I am Irish, tell my family I am all right."

Although Mr Waite has stated that he will press for the release of anyone being held, in the past his visits have concentrated on freeing American kidnap victims held by the Islamic Jihad group.

● **Tehran talks:** Secret talks are underway to secure the release of Mr Roger Cooper, aged 51, a British businessman held in Tehran for 13 months (Andrew McEwen writes).

Direct diplomacy has so far failed to obtain consular access for a visit by his relatives, but the indirect talks are thought to be making more headway.

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NEWS SUMMARY

Bugged reporters win pay-outs

The Irish government was ordered to pay Ir£50,000 yesterday to three journalists whose telephones were bugged by the administration of Mr Charles Haughey, now opposition leader.

Mr Justice Liam Hamilton, President of the High Court in Dublin, said the bugging of Miss Geraldine Kennedy, Mr Bruce Arnold and his wife, Mavis, in 1982 was "carried out deliberately, consciously and without justification. The action of the executive was an attack on their dignity and freedom as individuals and journalists and cannot be tolerated in a democratic society".

He awarded Miss Kennedy, now political correspondent with the *Sunday Press*, Ir£20,000, Mr Arnold, also a political correspondent, £20,000 and Mrs Arnold, a freelance journalist, £10,000. The bugging was disclosed when the administration of Dr Garret FitzGerald came to power at the end of 1982.

The three journalists claimed that their constitutional rights had been interfered with.

Telford job boost

Up to 1,000 jobs are expected to be created in plans for a manufacturing plant at Telford New Town, Shropshire, to be announced today by NEC, the Japanese electronics concern.

The announcement will be a big boost for the town, where unemployment of 19.2 per cent is the highest in the West Midlands.

Telford beat fierce competition from other European cities to attract NEC, which will make televisions and video cassette recorders at a factory on a 40-acre site.

People 'eaten up'

The last "no frills" People Express flight between Gatwick and Newark, New Jersey, will be on January 31. After that the airline merge with Continental Airlines to form the third largest US carrier.

The low-cost airline began in May 1983 with a £99 single fare across the Atlantic. It prided itself on passengers being given none of the usual in-flight services, instead being able to buy cold meals on board.

Continental will take over its daily services, serving hot meals. There will be no immediate fare increase.

Police to lobby MPs

Police Federation officials are to lobby Parliament this week in support of a better pension deal for 5,000 police widows.

An agreement reached by the Police Negotiating Board last autumn would have provided an extra £1.41 per week for widows whose husbands retired as serving officers before 1956 when the first of new police pension arrangements came into effect, but this was vetoed by the Home Secretray, Mr Douglas Hurd, on the principle that public service awards should not be improved retrospectively.

According to the federation, many of the widows receive only £14.

Lights off for Ford

Striking television electricians yesterday forced the delay of Anna Ford's new programme on BBC-1.

It was the first programme stopped since the walkout by 500 members of the EETPU nine days ago.

Network was to have been shown a week from Friday at 10.20pm, with viewers questioning BBC management and performers about their recent programmes.

The programme will not be seen until February at the earliest, the BBC said.

Fat chance for police

Avon and Somerset police yesterday appealed for 20 grossly overweight people to help them with their inquiries. They put out a special alert for 20 obese volunteers who, they hoped, might tip the scales of justice against two abnormally fat felons.

The police said that the descriptions of the people they needed for two identity parades were so unusual that they had no chance of finding suitable figures among passers-by in the street.

They had been hunting for 10 fair-haired women, aged about 53, who were to weigh in at twelve-and-a-half stones without being more than 5ft 2in tall. They also wanted 10 six-foot men, weighing 19 stones, with light brown hair.

Labour in call to end convoy secrecy

By Richard Evans and Michael Evans

The Government faced renewed pressure last night to end the secrecy surrounding the weekend crash involving a nuclear weapons transporter.

Mr Martin O'Neill, a Labour defence spokesman, tabled a series of parliamentary questions after the Government refused to make a Commons statement about the incident, which occurred in Wiltshire.

Mr O'Neill said: "I have been forced to table a series of questions to establish what materials were being carried, the points of departure and destination, the actual location of the incident, the condition of the road and the involvement of the police.

"Public fears have been expressed concerning the role of armed troops. On whose authority were they operating, given the Government's claim that the police were in charge from the outset?"

If a similar incident had taken place in the Soviet Union, the British Government would have rightly condemned the authorities if they refused to publicize the circumstances surrounding the crash.

"This took place only a short distance from Salisbury. If the worst scenario had been realized, it is quite likely that that city might have been evacuated, since plutonium dust can carry up to 10 miles from the point of the incident."

Meanwhile the Ministry of Defence continued to maintain a veil of secrecy over the warhead convoy.

Officials refused to confirm that the vehicles had been specially converted to carry nuclear bombs. However, it is known that the Ministry of Defence purchased a large number of the Mammoth Major vehicles from AEC, a subsidiary company of Leyland, based in Southall, west London, in the 1970s.

AEC, which was closed by Leyland in 1981, used to convert the basic Leyland chassis and cab of the Mammoth Majors into a specialized vehicle for use as tankers or carriers.

The Mammoth Major, a 24-ton vehicle, is between 26ft and 30ft long and just over 8ft wide.

The vehicle, which was believed to be carrying Royal Navy nuclear depth charges, has a telescoping roof, with the rear section sliding over the front to allow the bombs to be lowered by crane into receiving cradles.

The Ministry of Defence said that the Mammoth Majors were used widely as aircraft fuel tankers but added: "We can't say for what purpose these particular vehicles were converted, so we have to be evasive."

New call for change over appointment of judges

By Frances Gibb, Legal Affairs Correspondent

Pressure for an overhaul of the way judges are appointed mounted yesterday after a survey showed the overwhelming majority are from a highly-privileged section of society, are male and have been apppointed under the Thatcher government.

The survey of 465 judges, by the trade union backed Labour Research Department, showed one in three is past the state retirement age and that only 17 are women.

Yesterday the Equal Opportunities Commission said: "These figures would seem to indicate that it is much more difficult for women to get themselves appointed as judges.

"But since the whole appointments system is so secretive, there is no way of knowing whether there is discrimination or not."

The legal appointments system was effectively beyond reach of certain provisions of the Sex Discrimination Act, 1974, which enabled employers to be questioned on how they chose a successful candidate.

"But with judges there is no interview and not even a job advertisement," the commission said.

The survey showed of the 10 law lords, who earn £71,400, nine went to public school and eight to Oxbridge. The average age was 66.7. Except for Lord Keith of Kinkel, all were appointed by the present Government.

All appointments to the House of Lords and the Court of Appeal are made on the advice of the Prime Minister after consulation with the Lord Chancellor.

High Court judges and circuit judges are appointed by the Queen on the recommendation of the Lord Chancellor – itself a political appointment.

The survey also showed all members of the Court of Appeal, except for Sir Frederick Lawton who has just retired, have been appointed since 1979.

A total of 45 out of 68 High Court judges surveyed were appointed by this administration.

Of 363 circuit judges surveyed, 238 were appointed under Conservative administrations compared with 108 under Labour.

There are no women judges in the Court of Appeal or House of Lords and only three women in the High Court. Only 14 of the total of 388 circuit judges are women.

The Lord Chancellor's Department said yesterday that it could not comment on the survey, but it does dispute the Labour research survey figures on retirement age.

It says the overall average age of judges is 60.9. The circuit bench average is 60 and eight months; High Court bench, 60 and nine months; Court of Appeal, nearly 65.

It also confirmed that last year 50 circuit judges were appointed, more than in any year since 1972.

That was in line with the Lord Chancellor's undertaking to ease the crown court backlog. The total of circuit judges is therefore 391, the highest yet.

In a statement announcing that figure just before Christmas, the department said the small number of women was not discrimination but rather a "reflection on the size of the pool available from which they are appointed".

The Lord Chancellor's stated policy is to appoint the best candidate for the job regardless of "party, sex, religion or ethnic origin. Professional ability, experience, standing and integrity alone are the criteria."

NT names successor to 'The Godfather'

By Gavin Bell
Arts Correspondent

The National Theatre has appointed Mr Richard Eyre as its next artistic director – and hence, by definition, the leading spokesman for subsidised theatre in Britain.

Mr Eyre, an assistant director at the National since 1981, will succeed Sir Peter Hall when his contract expires in September next year.

He was Sir Peter's personal recommendation for the post, and the board said his selection, yesterday, was unanimous.

Mr Eyre will share overall management of the complex on London's South Bank with Mr David Ankin, who was appointed to the new post of executive director last September.

He said it had been his express wish that dual control be continued, to allow him to concentrate on artistic policy without being consumed by administrative worries.

Mr Eyre made it clear he shared the views of Sir Peter, who has been a vociferous critic of government support of the arts. He said he was following in the footsteps of "The Godfather" – in the most benign sense – of subsidised theatre in Britain.

"I think anyone who is director of the National Theatre, by virtue of the name, is in some sense a spokesman for the whole of the subsidised theatre and I would certainly endorse his (Sir Peter's) stated opinions on the subject."

However the most daunting aspect of his new role would be to maintain the high quality of productions, and he would prefer to hear "more talk about art and less about money", Mr Eyre said.

He felt it was too early to discuss his artistic policy. However he described his choice of plays over the past 20 years as fairly Catholic, ranging from the austerely classical to what could be described as the dubiously populist.

"Putting on a play is like a love affair, and the play I'm doing at the time is always the passion of my life," he said.

Mr Eyre, aged 43, previously spent two years as a producer/director of Play for Today at the BBC, and directed the widely acclaimed film *The Ploughman's Lunch*.

His productions at the National have included the musical *Guys and Dolls*, which won him three awards for best director of the year in 1983.

Mr Richard Eyre, who will be taking over at the National Theatre from Sir Peter Hall who retires in September 1987.

NUT chief reinstated after error over strike

By Mark Dowd
Education Reporter

The president of Britain's largest teaching union was suspended because its national officers mistakenly believed he had approved unofficial strike action, it emerged last night.

The National Union of Teachers last Thursday suspended all 70 council members of the Inner London Teachers Association because they approved school boycotts, in protest at the Government's Teachers' Pay and Conditions Bill, without the approval of the national executive.

Among them was NUT president, Mr Bob Richardson.

Although a formal letter had been sent to Mr Richardson informing him of the decision, the suspension was immediately lifted when officials discovered that he had not been present at the ILTA meeting which voted for the strike.

The proposed action, which has been described by NUT general secretary, Mr Fred Jarvis, as "counter-productive", is expected to lead to closure of many of inner London's 147 secondary schools today when about 13,000 of ILEA's 20,000 teachers stay at home.

The strike is designed to attract publicity to what the inner London teachers see as the disastrous effects of the Government's Bill on pay and conditions

The Bill, already passed by the Commons, is now in the House of Lords. If it is approved at the end of the month, it will most likely reach the statute book by the end of February, giving the Government the power to impose its own settlement on more than 400,000 teachers.

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11-plus 'is safe for years yet'

By Our Education Reporter

Labour's threat to eliminate grammar schools could not become a reality until the party wins at least two consecutive general elections, the chairman of the largest Conservative-controlled education authority said yesterday.

Mr Bill McNeill, chairman of Kent County Council's education committee, has implicitly rejected the timetable spelt out by Labour's shadow education spokesman, Mr Giles Radice, who said at the weekend that his party would abolish grammar schools within two years of coming to office.

In remarks reminiscent of Labour's previous struggles with Conservative-controlled authorities, such as Tameside in the 1970s, Mr McNeill said he was convinced that all authorities which practised selection would seek every legal option open to them to oppose Labour's legislation.

He said: "You can take it as pretty authoritative that Labour could not complete its plans within the lifetime of one parliament."

Kent boasts the largest number of grammar schools of any education authority in England and Wales, nearly 40 out of a total of about 150.

Mr McNeill listed many phases that would have to be completed. First, civil servants would have to draw up a Bill which could have a very rough passage through the Commons and the Lords.

Following that, it could take up to two years for many of the 30-plus education authorities that still practice selection at age 11 to submit plans for reorganisation.

That would be followed "inevitably" by bureaucratic delay from the Department of Education in responding to the reorganisation proposals.

Mr McNeill said that in addition Mr Radice "could not possibly close down any grammar school until those pupils who are currently being educated have completed their examinations. By that estimation, that takes us into the mid-1990s at least."

Education unit wins reprieve

The Further Education Unit, the government-funded body which develops the curriculum in further education colleges, will not be abolished, it was announced yesterday.

Mr Kenneth Baker, Secretary of State for Education, who conducted a review, said that the unit will, however, lose its chairman and some independence. He said it was essential that the unit work more closely with the Department of Education.

Arts Council

Rees-Mogg to retain helm

By Our Arts Correspondent

Sir William Rees-Mogg has agreed after some initial reluctance to remain as chairman of the Arts Council for a further two years after his present five-year term expires in March.

The unusual reappointment was announced yesterday by Mr Richard Luce, Minister for the Arts, who paid tribute to the dedication and clarity of thought which he said Sir William had brought to the Council.

Mrs Margaret Thatcher, in a personal letter to Sir William, said she was glad that the arts would continue to reap the benefit of his wise guidance.

However the extension appears to have been a compromise. The Government approached two other people about taking the unpaid post for the customary five years, one of whom declined a formal offer.

Sir William, a former editor of *The Times*, said yesterday: "I did take a bit of persuading that it was a sensible idea. I'm a great believer in bringing in new men with fresh ideas. However, it does mean that over the next couple of years I will be able to tackle challenges I am familiar with."

The post, remunerated only by expenses, the use of a car on council business, and occasional opera and theatre tickets, has become less attractive due to mounting dissatisfaction in the arts world with the level of Government funding.

Sir William said: "It is a very difficult job at a difficult time." One of his priorities would be to encourage people to have realistic expectations, and to provide the best possible value for the funds available.

The others were to pursue the council's policy of regional development, which he was instrumental in drawing up, and to support the highest standards of excellence by the major companies.

Mr Luke Rittner, secretary general of the council, alluded discreetly to the funding controversy in a statement welcoming the re-appointment. "Sir William has chaired the council with distinction through a period of great challenge and change. The arts, and the Arts Council in particular, will benefit greatly from his continuing leadership at a difficult time", he said.

In her letter, Mrs Thatcher disclosed for the first time that the Government was willing to discuss an important change in its arts subsidy arrangements. Mr Luce was looking forward to exploring, "without commitment at this stage", the possibility of three-year funding for some of the council's biggest clients, she said.

Sir William said he was excited by the prospect of giving national companies a higher degree of financial security than the present annual system allowed. The three-year proposal is understood to form part of current talks with the Royal Opera House on its grant, which is expected to be announced in the spring.

Only two of Sir William's seven predecessors at the Arts Council, Lord Clark and Lord Goodman, served two years beyond their normal term of office.

Inquiry into Yorkshire Ripper hoax launched

Police began an inquiry yesterday into whether a disgruntled officer was responsible for a hoax tape purporting to be from the Yorkshire Ripper, which was received while Peter Sutcliffe was at large.

Mr Colin Sampson, Chief Constable of West Yorkshire, said yesterday that Detective Chief Supt Tony Fitzgerald, from North Yorkshire police, would lead the investigation.

Mr Sampson said that police had always realized that the taunting tape, which disrupted the hunt by leading them to concentrate investigations on suspects in the North-east, might be a hoax. His suspicions were confirmed when he completed a review of the five-year investigation.

Once Sutcliffe was revealed as the man who had murdered 13 women, a decision was made not to begin a new search for the hoaxer, because police believed that every clue had been investigated.

Mr Sampson denied earlier suggestions that a police officer involved in the original investigation might be responsible. He renewed appeals for the hoaxer to come forward.

Allegations that the hoax was the work of a senior officer in West Yorkshire, in protest at what he saw as the bungling of the hunt, were first made in a Sunday newspaper,

Maxwell's new daily postponed

By Jonathan Miller
Media Correspondent

The launch of Mr Robert Maxwell's new *London Daily News* was yesterday delayed for a fortnight.

Mr Maxwell said negotiations with the NGA printing union had taken "longer than was necessary" and had been completed only yesterday.

The agreement allows for direct input of most news material by journalists using computer terminals, eliminating traditional typesetters.

Union members who would otherwise has been made redundant through the introduction of new technology at other Maxwell titles will be given 48 jobs on the new paper. They will handle the paste-up of pages and typesetting of contributed material.

To allow training of NGA members, the start of the paper has been delayed from February 10 to February 24.

The agreement provides for the introduction of similar technology before the end of the year on the *Daily Mirror*, *Sunday Mirror* and *The People*. Computer typesetting equipment valued at £5 million is being installed in London and Manchester.

More than two million copies of a 48-page dummy issue of the new paper are to be distributed to Londoners early next month.

Agreements to print the paper have been reached with *The Daily Telegraph* and four other contract printers

A spokesman for Mirror Group Newspapers last night said there were "bound to be some redundancies" among approximately 300 NGA members currently at the group's headquarters at Holborn Circus.

Firm rents planes for Stolport

By Harvey Elliott
Air Correspondent

London's new "pinstripe airline" is to rent up to five Canadian-built de Havilland Dash 7 aircraft to fly businessmen to eight centres in Britain and Europe.

Eurocity Express, part of the highly succesful British Midland group, has signed a contract to lease the aircraft which will carry 50 passengers from London's new City airport in docklands to city centres through the Continent.

And it is pressing ahead with plans to introduce the four-engined BAe 146 jet on some of the longer routes as soon as it can persuade the Government to give approval.

Mr Michael Bishop, chairman of the British Midland Group, said the airline had made formal representation to a public inquiry into a proposed new bridge to be built across the Thames near the airport. Under existing plans it would be too high to enable aircraft other than the Dash 7, which has an extremely short take off and landing capability, to use the airport. Now BMA wants the bridge design altered to enable the BAe 146, known as the quietest jet aircraft in the world, to use the airport.

Only three airlines remain in serious contention to be allowed to operate from the Stolport (short take off and landing port).

Of these, both Eurocity and Brymon will use the Dash 7 aircraft and both will be fighting hard to convince the Civil Aviation Authority, at a hearing scheduled for March, that they should be given the prime routes.

Winter weather

Still warmer than blasts of the past

By David Sapsted

Britain may be shivering, but the winter of '87 still has a long way to go before it freezes its way into the record books . . . or leaves Oxford Street under 15 feet of snow.

It was, in fact, only five years ago that the citizens of Newport in Shropshire awoke to discover their town had set a new English cold weather record of minus 26.1 Celsius, itself almost a degree warmer than the temperature being endured at the time by folk in Braemar in Scotland.

In the South-east, the winter of 1947 and of 1962-63 will take some beating, both in terms of temperature and length. Forty years ago, heavy snow covered mpch of the country from mid-January until March. Channel ferry services out of Dover were suspended because of packice.

January 29 of that year saw the Meteorological Office record its lowest central London temperature of minus 9 deg C, a figure that yesterday morning's minus 8.6 deg C did its best to pip. This was still, however a long way from the estimate of minus 15 deg C notched up in London in December 1739.

The South-east has seen far worse snowfalls, too, with weather buffs still mesmerized by the three-day blizzard of January 1881 that left those 15-feet-deep drifts in Oxford Street and even covered the platform of King's Cross Underground station.

Even that, however, was mild in comparison with the snowfall that started on Christmas Day 1836, and resulted in the only known occasion when British people were killed in their homes by an avalanche.

The disaster occurred in Lewes, East Sussex, when snow that had built up on the Downs crashed down the hillside and destroyed a row of parish poorhouses.

More recently, Kent had its problems in 1927 when a foot of snow blanketed southern England and resulted in huge drifts cutting off many villages

The Meteorological Office said: "It is too early yet to say how 1987 will stack up in comparison. As far as we are concerned, this winter is really only five days old."

Even so, with a chilly forecast being proferred for the next few days at least, few people are expecting this month to reach the 40-year mean average temperature of plus 3.6 degrees for central London.

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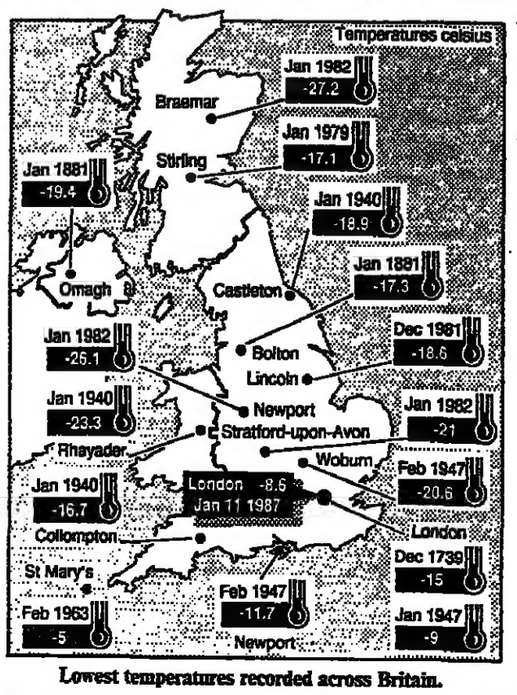

Lowest temperatures recorded across Britain.

Farmers fear shortages only if cold stays

Shortages of some vegetables in the shops, and consequent higher prices, are likely if the present cold snap continues.

However, thanks to the mild weather up to and including the new year, stocks are generally good.

Snow and frozen soil will certainly prevent the lifting of carrots and other root crops. It will also hamper the picking of cauliflowers, cabbages and brussels sprouts, which may be frost damaged.

However, the National Farmers' Union said yesterday that it would take a prolonged spell of below zero temperatures before supplies and prices were seriously affected.

Glasshouse growers will be faced with higher than normal heating bills.

Livestock farmers are probably the most vulnerable to hard winters, but the present cold weather was forecast well enough in advance to allow sheep to be brought down from the hills.

Dairy herds are kept in sheds in the winter, so the only possible disruption to milk supplies is if tankers are unable to reach farms

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Animal front attackers used firebombs and acid on stores, says QC

By Ian Smith, Northern Correspondent

Animal Liberation Front extremists waged war on department stores and shops with firebombs, crossbows and acid, Sheffield Crown Court was told yesterday.

The extremists began by smashing doors and windows with hammers then progressed to spraying windows with acid-based etching fluid and used crossbow bolts to shatter shop glass fronts. Finally they resorted to firebombs made out of batteries, car bulbs and fire lighters packed together in cigarette packets.

Mr David Bentley, QC, for the prosecution, said stores were attacked in Sheffield, Liverpool, Birmingham and Scotland and hundreds of thousands of pounds of damage was caused.

It was only after an intensive police investigation that the leaders of the ALF, who it is alleged were behind the attacks, were arrested, he said.

Ronald Lee, Vivienne Smith, Roger Yates, Brendon McNally, Kevin Baldwin and Jennifer McNally, deny charges of conspiracy to commit arson, cause criminal damage and incite criminal damage.

The defendants asked each of the jury members whether he or she had any financial interest in the stores allegedly attacked, or were related or close friends with anyone who worked at one of the damaged properties.

Mr Bentley said the ALF was dedicated to what he described as economic sabotage. "What that means in plain language is that if you are a butcher with butchers' shops the ALF will smash your windows, pour etching fluid on them and daub them with slogans because they say you are an abuser and exploiter of animals.

"If you are a department store selling furs they will damage your store and try to set it on fire. If you are a research worker involved with animal experimentation you will be attacked.

"Anyone who abuses or exploits animals in the eyes of the ALF is a legitimate target to have their property burnt or damaged as the ALF sees fit," Mr Bentley said.

He said that the nerve centre of their operations in the past 12 months was a small, unpretentious office on the second floor of a building in Hammersmith Broadway, west London, disguised and described on a nameplate outside as the Independent Tax Advisory Service.

From that innocuous office attacks on properties throughout Britain were funded by the ALF. Mr Bentley alleged that their top man was Mr Lee, who after many outrages had spoken to the media to tell them what had occurred.

He said Mrs Smith was his enthusiastic and able lieutenant and among regional organizers were Mr McNally, who controlled the South Yorkshire area, and Mr Baldwin, who ran what allegedly amounted to a bomb factory at his home in Idsworth Road, Firth Park, Sheffield.

Components similar to those used in detected ALF firebombs had been removed from Mr Baldwin's home, Mr Bentley said. When the six were arrested they were allegedly trying to manufacture a more sophisticated device.

The attacks began in February 1985 when a research department door at Sheffield University was smashed. This was rapidly followed by attacks on butchers' shops.

A spate of acid attacks continued on Rackhams and Coles stores in Sheffield, with warnings sent to management that they would stop if fur sales ended. The acid attacks proved so successful that their use was adopted by ALF groups in other parts of Britain, Mr Bentley said.

In December 1985 the most serious attack occurred when Rackhams was firebombed. The fire was started by an incendiary device in an empty cigarette packet.

Soon after, two similar devices were discovered at Selfridges in Oxford Street, London, before they went off. But a store in Croydon was not so lucky, and damage of £75,000 was sustained.

Three other ALF members, who earlier admitted conspiring to commit arson and stealing a beagle hound which belonged to the Ecclesfield Hunt, Sheffield, will be sentenced later.

The trial continues today.

Mr Kenneth Baker showing the ropes to David Hill, whose ambition is to be Education Minister (Photograph: Tim Bishop).

Pupil swings in Baker's hot seat

By John Clare, Education Correspondent

"Go and sit in my chair," Mr Kenneth Baker, Secretary of State for Education and Science, said. "It's the big one that swings round."

David Hill, aged seven, looked pleased. He had first met Mr Baker in November when the minister visited his school, Crown Wood, in Bracknell, Berkshire.

Afterwards, he had written to Mr Baker: "Thank you for coming to my school. One day may I come to visit you? I would like to be Minister of Education when I grow up."

Yesterday, the first half of David's wish came true. Mr Baker invited him and six of his classmates to tea in his office.

As David settled back in the chair he asked: "What do you do here all day?" Mr Baker played for time. "Oh, people come in and we talk about things."

"What things?"

"Well, today we talked about training people for the catering industry." David looked polite. "We also talked about what people ought to be taught in schools and how schools ought to be changed." David looked more interested. He said he wanted to be Minister of Education because "you can tell teachers what to do". It was Mr Baker's turn to look polite.

Deftly changing the subject, he handed David his telephone, a brand new remote model with an aerial, and explained that it worked by radio signals. The cameras flashed; David looked dazed.

Later Mr Baker proposed a walk across Westminster Bridge to Parliament. On the way they threw snowballs at each other. David was concerned about the minister's glasses and about the snow on his overcoat.

As they stared up at Big Ben, Mr Baker asked: "What do you think happens in the House of Commons?"

"Lot of people shouting," David replied succinctly.

Banknote artist goes for trial

An American artist who specializes in drawing paper money elected for jury trial when he appeared at Horseferry Road Magistrates' Court, central London, yesterday, accused of "reproducing" English banknotes.

James Stephen George Boggs, aged 31, of Hampstead, north-west London, was remanded on bail until April 8. After the hearing he held an impromptu exhibition of his work.

Earlier, he told the magistrate, Mr Eric Crowther, that he elected for crown court trial, "in view of the threat to the freedom of artistic expression".

Mr Boggs faces four summonses under the 1981 Forgery and Counterfeiting Act of reproducing a £10 note, a £5 note and two £1 notes, without the written consent of the Bank of England.

The case is a private prosecution by the Bank of England.

Puppets in lessons on protection

The BBC puppets, Cosmo and Dibs, are to be used to teach primary school children how to cope with abuse.

The puppets will appear in three sketches to be shown in the school television series, *You and Me*.

Nicci Crowther, the producer, said yesterday: "We teach children road safety from a very early age and so we should try to teach them other forms of self-protection."

Harry's Cousin, to be shown on BBC2 at 2pm on January 20, shows how the puppets cope when a "friend of a friend" tries to buy them ice cream and then touches them in ways they dislike.

In *Observations*, on BBC2 at 2pm on February 16, the puppets try to describe the appearance of a stranger.

Secrets, on BBC2 at 2pm on February 17, shows Cosmo and Dibs learning that some secrets are dangerous and should not be kept.

Portfolio Gold

Winner is heading for the sun

A chartered engineer from the Thames Valley was one of two winners of the £8,000 Portfolio Gold prize yesterday.

Mr Peter Armstrong, aged 59, and his wife, Denise, will take a Mediterranean holiday with his share of the prize.

"I've got a daughter, but I don't have to worry about her or her husband because they both work for the Bank of England. So I'm thinking of going on a Mediterranean holiday with my wife later this year. I'm delighted," he said.

The normal daily purse of £4,000 was doubled after no winner was declared in last Saturday's game.

Mr Armstrong, of Ravensfield Road, Slough, Berkshire, will share the big prize with Mr Robert Norman, of Beresford Way, Blackburn, Lancashire.

Mr Armstrong has being playing Portfolio since the competition began, although he admits to having lapsed before starting to play again last year.

He has been reading *The Times* for about four years. "I used to read *The Daily Telegraph* but I got bored with it so I switched to *The Times*. I think it's a much better paper," he said.

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Mr Armstrong: taking a Mediterranean holiday.

Death crash came after AA warning

A motorway crash involving a coach in which 13 people died and 42 were injured happened only an hour after police were warned of inadequate roadworks signs, an inquest was told yesterday.

Mr Brian Askew, an AA patrolman, told the hearing at Preston, Lancashire, that after going through the roadworks on the southbound carriageway of the M6 near the town, he asked his control room to tell police he feared an accident.

Mr Askew, of Crag Bank Road, Carnforth, Lancashire, told Mr Howard McCann, the coroner, that although traffic had to filter into one lane, motorists were given only 300 yards' warning.

The accident happened when an Edinburgh to London coach ploughed into slow-moving and stationary traffic on October 21, 1985.

A police officer who survived the crash told the inquest that new safety measures were needed for coaches.

Insp George Lusty, a passenger on the coach, who has sent his recommendations to the Department of Transport, advocated emergency procedures on coaches similar to those covering aircraft.

Among his suggestions are seat belts for all passengers, a quick-release mechanism for exit doors, an emergency chute at the rear of vehicles and more safety information for passengers.

The inquest, likely to last all week, was told that the victims died from burns or severe head injuries.

The coach driver, John Bonnyman, aged 63, of Millar Place, Edinburgh, was fined £200 and banned from driving for three years after being convicted of careless driving.

The coroner was told that after the accident, warning sign regulations were changed.

● The driver of a coach which crashed on the M6 motorway near Birmingham, killing three elderly passengers, was fined £500 by magistrates at Solihull in the West Midlands yesterday.

Carey Styles, aged 37, of Tobruk Road, Huyton, Merseyside, had denied careless driving.

Surgeons fight neuro unit siting

By Jill Sherman

The dispute over the future siting of a regional neurosciences unit escalated yesterday when surgeons accused managers of fixing the results.

South East Thames regional management team is lobbying to move the neurosciences unit at Brook General Hospital, Woolwich, to the site of the Maudsley Psychiatric Hospital at Denmark Hill.

Although the Maudsley unit is £340,000 more expensive than centralizing the service at the Brook, the region argues it would provide a higher quality service with teaching and research facilities from neighbouring King's College Hospital and the Maudsley.

The project, estimated to cost £29 million, will include a £1 million bridge between the two hospitals.

"The professional arguments for having a single unit are not in doubt," Dr Malcolm Forsyth, regional director of planning, said. "The professional factors, weigh much greater in favour of the Maudsley than the Brook."

A decision is expected at the regional health authority meeting tomorrow week, but surgeons at the Brook yesterday said the region was trying to fix the results before authority members can discuss the issue.

"The region is determined to sacrifice a high quality service on the bed of academia. If the service is moved into central London head injured patients will die because of the transfer," Mr Glenn Neil-Dwyer, a consultant neurosurgeon at the Brook, said.

It was vital to operate within two hours on head-injured patients suffering an all too common relapse, he said.

The proposals have been opposed by the region's 12 community health councils and Greenwich district health authority.

Britain is top of EEC credit card spenders

Britain uses credit cards more than any other EEC country, according to figures issued by the European Commission in Brussels yesterday — and by 1992 it should be possible to use them throughout the Community without restriction.

There will be 80 million cards in use in the EEC within a few years, and officials are anxious to ensure that development of electronic cash dispensers and payment terminals in shops is integrated so that cards are valid in all EEC countries.

But progress varies widely. In Britain there are nearly 11 million Visa cards and eight million Eurocards in circulation, with 6,889 automatic money dispensers available and 600 electronic payment terminals in shops. France, with 4.3 million Visa users and 953,000 Euroeards, has 7,100 cash dispensers and 65,000 electronic payment terminals.

Greece, on the other hand, has 3,300 Eurocards, no other forms of plastic money, no electronic payment facilities and just 28 automatic cash dispensers.

In some parts of Spain and Portugal credit card payment is unheard of, and Portugal has no American Express or Diners Club card usage. Visa cards cannot be used in Denmark.

Brixton shooting trial

Police policy 'not followed'

By Michael McCarthy

The official Metropolitan Police firearms policy for dealing with a gunman in a house was ruled out by the police officers who raided the home of Mrs Dorothy (Cherry) Groce because the area, Brixton, was too hostile, a police witness said yesterday.

Insp Douglas Lovelock, who shot Mrs Groce leaving her crippled for life and starting the Brixton riots of September 1985, is on trial at the Central Criminal Court charged with unlawfully and maliciously wounding her.

The jury trying Mr Lovelock was told that Scotland Yard officers faced with a gunman in a building were instructed to "contain" him, surround him and wait for him to come out, rather than "confront" him by entering.

The building was not to be entered unless there was an immediate need to "save life" and confrontation was not to be sought merely to make an arrest.

But a "containment" of the house in Normandy Road, Brixton, which police believed held Mrs Groce's son, Michael, wanted on firearms charges, was considered impossible, the court was told.

Sergeant Michael Shiel, one of the armed officers on the operation, said the option was considered at the original briefing but was "eliminated".

He said: "It was felt that the area was too sensitive, too hostile to the police, and that an operation with a large number of police officers, particularly with firearms, would be dangerous to other people."

Mr Lovelock, aged 44, a policeman for 22 years who led but was not in charge of the raid on Mrs Groce's house, pleads not guilty to unlawfully and maliciously wounding her. Mrs Groce is now confined to a wheelchair.

The Metropolitan Police chief firearms instructor, Chief Insp John Warner, said an armed officer should enter the building with his finger on the trigger of his revolver.

If it was necessary to kick open the door of a room, "as the door opens the officer should take advantage of the opening to sweep the whole room with his eyes to cover any area of risk, and his weapon should follow his line of sight".

More than 18 months before the Brixton shooting, in February 1984, Mr Lovelock entered a flat in pursuit of two armed robbers, going from room to room until he found them, the jury was told.

Chief Supt Kenneth Wood, who was the Mr Lovelock's commanding officer at the time, said Mr Lovelock and two other officers had eventually found the robbers, who later received five years in prison, in the last room of the flat to be reached. Mr Lovelock received a Commissioner's commendation for bravery and leadership.

The case for Mr Lovelock was concluded yesterday. After closing speeches by counsels for the defence and the prosecution, the judge, Mr Justice Leonard, is expected to begin his summing up later today. It is expected that the jury will retire to consider their verdict tomorrow morning.

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MPs in plea for rail line

MPs expressed the hope during question time that Government would keep open the picturesque Settle to Carlisle railway line.

Asked when he expected to announce his decision concerning the application by British Rail for the closure of the line, **Mr David Mitchell**, Minister of State for Transport, said that the report of the Transport Users' Consultative Committee had only just been received and he could not preempt a decision.

Mr Gary Waller (Keighley, C): If the TUCC came out unanimously in favour of retention and tens of thousands of people wrote in support of this approach it could be seen as perverse to take a decision which did not involve retention of the line and unreasonable to take a decision which did not allow for the provision of funds particularly necessary for repairs. Such funds might possibly be considered out of the Government's tourism budget.

Mr Mitchell: I take note of his points about the availability of funds from alternative sources, including tourism.

Mr James Wallace (Orkney and Shetland, L) said the minister's answer seemed to indicate that British Rail had not made out a detailed case for closure. There was considerable scope for further marketing and promotion of this line to make it even more profitable and should this not be the Government's approach in entertaining any possibility of closure?

Mr Mitchell said that it was not part of the TUCC's role to consider British Rail's case for closure. British Rail's financial case was being considered by the ministry along with the report of the TUCC.

Mr Robert Hughes, chief Opposition spokesman on transport, said that a great deal of pleasure had been expressed that the TUCC should recommend that the line should remain open. Would the minister take into account the potential economic benefits to BR of keeping the line open? In making his decision about finance would he square up to the fact that the Government must provide British Rail with the money for the repairs needed to keep the line open?

Mr Mitchell: We will consider his points carefully. The economic factors, and particularly the future of Appleby, the largest town to be isolated if the line is closed, have to be taken into account.

Ministers criticized over Chile

Criticism of the Government for supporting loans by the Inter-American Development Bank for projects in Chile was dismissed by **Mr Christopher Patten**, Minister for Overseas Development, during Commons questions.

He said that loans for a hydro-electric project and a global neighbourhood improvement and sites-and-services programme were supported after satisfactory answers to technical questions raised by the Government had been given.

The Government always judged such issues entirely on their technical grounds as it was bound to do by the IADB and World Bank articles of agreement.

Dame Judith Hart (Clydesdale, Lab) said Britain was the only country to vote in favour of the loans. Even the United States abstained.

Since this country provided military training for Chileans and ships to Chile, the Government would do better to confess that, apart from paying lip service to EEC condemnation of General Pinochet, it was in fact completely in his support.

Mr Patten said taht she was uncharacteristically wrong in saying that Britain was the only country supporting the loans. The ambassador to the UN had made clear the Government's view on the Chilean human rights record.

Thatcher has not interfered in cases says Havers

Sir Michael Havers, the Attorney General, firmly denied that Mrs Margaret Thatcher had ever ordered or directed him in any decision he had had to make about a criminal prosecution.

He said, during questions about the operation of the Official Secrets Acts and the Wright case, that he will make a full statement about the operation of the Acts immediately after the judgment in the Wright case in Australia.

Sir Michael said that since 1979 there had been 16 prosecutions under section 2 of the Official Secrets Act, 1911, including two not proceeded with. During the same period there had been seven prosecutions under section 1 of the Act, including one not proceeded with, and three under section 7 of the 1920 Act. Five cases under section 2 were at present pending before the courts.

The consent of the Attorney General was required before any prosecution under the Official Secrets Acts could proceed.

That might be given on the basis of a written request by the Director of Public Prosecutions or after a discussion. He had recently met the DPP and they had discussed various cases arising out of the Wright case and its wider aspects.

Mr Alfred Dubs (Battersea, Lab): In recent years, it seems

Sir Michael: Case has cost £170,000.

that the motive in deciding whether there should be a prosecutions has been more to avoid the political embarrassment than any other reason. He asked for a full and frank statement after completion of the Wright case.

Sir Michael Havers: The list published on December 8 shows that there are too many cases of people having, for money, given information which has been subject to the Official Secrets Acts — police officers about previous criminal offences — but I intend to make a full statement the moment I am able to.

Mr Nigel Spearing (Newham South, Lab): Not infrequently, governments faced with publication of unpalatable facts engineer or promote leakage from select committees or draft reports of select committees, or by other means. Bearing in mind that the dual responsibility of law officers is legal and political, their legal actions in matters of prosecution or their lack of action should be wholly, and seen to be wholly, on the legal side of their functions.

Sir Michael Havers: I entirely agree. There is no question of any political basis for any decision I and the Solicitor General have given in any case.

Mr Greville Janner (Leicester West, Lab): Has he discussed with the DPP the working of this archaic and terrible old Act? Has he, for example, considered whether or not it would be a breach of the Act for information to be given to the public concerning the horrific dangers from military convoys and crashes of convoys such as that which occurred this weekend when public-spirited citizens saw fit to tell the public. Without that they would not have known.

Sir Michael Havers: The basis on which I operate was given in an oral answer on April 9, 1984, but ministers can in appropriate circumstances, authorize themselves.

Mr Jonathan Aitken (Thanet South, C): The Attorney General of the day is frequently put in an impossible position by this Act. When he makes a statement will he place himself firmly on the side of the Official Secrets Act reformers?

Sir Michael Havers: Inevitably the decisions I and the DPP and the Solicitor General have to take are described as political decisions but we look at it entirely wearing our quasi-judicial hats. We are not influenced in any way by political consequences. As Mr Aitken says, one is sometimes put in an impossible position. However, we use our discretion and best judgement.

Mr Ivor Stanbrook (Orpington, C) said that there was a proper balance between public interest and enforcement of the law. In the absence of serious suggestions for reform, the present system was working much better than one might have expected.

Sir Michael Havers: I am always advised by the DPP and in many cases, also by counsel.

Labour MPs: Mrs Thatcher.

Sir Michael Havers: Certainly not.

Mr Dennis Skinner (Bolsover, Lab): Mrs Thatcher's dishcloth.

Sir Michael Havers: There is no question ever, in any single case under the Official Secrets Act or in any case involving criminal prosecution, in which I have been ordered or directed in any way by the Prime Minister.

Mr Nicholas Brown, an Opposition spokesman on legal affairs: It is ludicrous that the Australian trial and the Official Secrets Act combined have not even preserved the Government's dignity.

Will he confirm that if Wright were to publish in Ireland following the Miller case, the chances of preventing publication are small, and in the light of that the public is entitled to a statement on the future of the Act. Once Justice Powell has announced his decision will he make a full statement on the Wright case?

Sir Michael Havers: I would have thought it would have been absolutely apparent to Mr Brown that it is an important principle that those who promise to keep quiet for the rest of their lives should keep quiet.I cannot find an MP on either side of the House who has received a letter complaining about that.

Mr Harry Greenway (Ealing North, C) asked for the cost to date to public funds of the case being brought against publication of Mr Wright's book.

Sir Michael Havers said the total cost to public funds to date including legal fees, fares and subsistence for civil servants was estimated to be in the order of £170,000.

Mr Greenway said that spending money on proceedings against Mr Wright was a necessary action to deter ill motivated ex-MI5 employees from damaging the security of the nation.

In future, other ex-MI5 employees who broke the Official Secrets Acts should have all pension and emoluments ended forthwith.

Sir Michael Havers agreed with the first part of what Mr Greenway said. The latter part, he said, was not a matter for him.

Mr Edward Taylor (Southend East, C) asked if the action was taken because Mr Wright had broken the rules of confidentiality or because the matter to be published was considered damaging to national security.

Sir Michael Havers said that the principal purpose of the proceedings was to preserve the principle that those who had promised to keep a secret did so.

Rear-Admiral Christopher Layman welcoming Mr George Younger, Secretary of State for Defence, on his first visit to the Falkland Islands since taking office last January.

Urbanity and wit praised

The wit, urbanity, style and statesmanship of the Earl of Stockton, the former Prime Minister, who died on December 29, were recalled in tributes paid to him at the start of proceedings in the House of Lords where he first sat two years ago.

Viscount Whitelaw, Lord President of the Council and Leader of the House, said that all would remember vividly Lord Stockton's contribution to public life as a member of the House of Commons, as a minister and finally as Prime Minister.

Many, particularly Lord Wilson of Rievaulx, himself a former Prime Minister, would have reason to remember the Earl as a formidable opponent. Members would also appreciate that Lord Stockton, when Prime Minister, had been responsible for the introduction of the Life Peerages Act, which had had an enormous influence on the House of Lords.

"All of us from our special position, will have felt the impact of his remarkable personality. You will particularly cherish memories of his contribution here after his most welcome decision to accept an earldom. His maiden speech was one of the most remarkable occasions of recent, and perhaps not so recent, history.

"Personally, I shall treasure memories of his determination to play his part in this House, even to the extent of staying to the early hours of the morning at the end of a debate in which he had spoken; an example to us all and an example of a great parliamentarian."

Lord Cledwyn of Penrhos, Leader of the Opposition peers, said Lord Stockton would be most remembered as Harold Macmillan, a great peacetime Prime Minister and an outstanding parliamentarian.

He had been an enigmatic statesman as was shown by his oft comparison to Lloyd George and Stanley Baldwin. He had been intelligent, witty, urbane and unfailingly courteous.

He had been an independent backbencher who believed in the middle way. Yet as Prime Minister he had presided over great events with skill and discernment.

The only regret was that it had taken him so long to enter the House of Lords, because his place had been in Parliament.

Lord Diamond (SDP), for the Alliance benches, said Lord Stockton had made a substantial contribution to the House of Lords

Lady Hylton-Foster (Ind) said that the cross-benches wished to be associated with the tributes to one of the giants of the twentieth century.

The Archbishop of Canterbury, Dr Robert Runcie, said he would remember Lord Stockton as a man of religious sensibilities who was throughout his life a staunch churchman.

Commons pays tribute to Harold Macmillan

The Prime Minister led the House of Commons tributes to Lord Stockton, the former Mr Harold Macmillan, who died during the Christmas recess.

Mrs Thatcher said: "We pay tribute to his memory and his life which spanned the transition from empire to Commonwealth and Community, from the Victorian to our present Elizabethan age. His part in that history began in the trenches on the Western Front in the First World War where he served with distinction.

"His experiences in that war, the slaughter in the trenches and the loss of so many of his friends, imbued him with a

Lord Stockton: A photograph taken in his last years.

profound horror of war which remained with him throughout his life."

In his autobiography he had said of his generation: "We almost began to feel a sense of guilt at not having shared the fate of our friends and comrades. We certainly felt an obligation to make some decent use of the life spared to us." The words "some decent use" were a characteristic understatement.

The deprivation he had seen in Stockton, where he first became an MP, made its mark on him and left him determined to raise the standard of life for all the people of this country. His firm belief that economic freedom was a necessary condition for political freedom was one he continued to stress throughout his political career.

His post as Minister for Housing after the Conservative victory in 1951 had made him a popular and widely acclaimed political personality. "He combined a great organizing ability with a zest for political communication. His success was a major contribution to the post-war improvement in living standards."

His achievements as housing minister were followed later by his work as Chancellor of the Exchequer, and he understood the aspiration s of people for a better way of life. "Material success was, in Harold Macmillan's view, nothing to be ashamed of, and with his characteristic flair for a popular idea, he was responsible for the introduction of Premium Bonds which, even 30 years later, are part of the lives of millions."

After Suez, as Prime Minister in 1957 his first task was to restore Britain's confidence and standing in the world. He re-established a special relationship with the United States through his close friendships with President Eisenhower and President Kennedy.

"He made a substantial contribution to the relaxation of tension between the Soviet Union and the West, most notably through his work to achieve a nuclear test ban treaty. But he also understood that peace was best served by a strong defence and he negotiated at Nassau the Polaris agreement which allowed Britain to continue to enjoy the protection of an independent nuclear deterrent."

Under his leadership, withdrawal from empire continued in as orderly and peaceful a way as possible. "It was in character that such a radical policy ws executed with such shrewd caution. There is no more telling phrase than 'the wind of change' pronounced during his African tour in 1960."

Harold Macmillan would be remembered also by his work for European co-operation, particularly for paving the way for British membership of the European Economic Community. The Second World War had persuaded him that a new political order was needed in Europe to heal the divisions which had caused the conflicts of 1914 and 1939.

"He saw most clearly that the emergence of Russia and America as global powers required a more unified European voice if her counsel were not to be lost.

"Harold Macmillan loved this House and I believe the House returned his affection. I recall vividly his dominance in the early years of the 1959 Parliament before illness compelled him to relinquish office in 1963.

Mr Neil Kinnock, Leader of the Opposition, said on this occasion of tributes to Harold Macmillan, he also wanted to express the deep sorrow felt at the deaths of Mr David Penhaligon and Mr Gay Barnett. The deaths of these men diminished them all and they mourned with their families and loved ones.

Lord Stockton had been a soldier of great valour, a scholar and a businessman. His abilities were recalled by many with admiration and affection though, inevitably, by a few with unworthy carping. The House of Commons should assess the whole life of a man of great distinction and that assessment must conclude that Harold Macmillan's honourable place in history was secured.

He was steadfast for causes but, for all his commitment, he was no romantic. Nor was he a saintly or sainted man. His droll humour and Edwardian affectation were turned into witty weapons of politics. He made friends of enemies and enemies of friends.

His capacity for hard ambition and even ruthlessness prevented any form of canonization and, as the Earl of Stockton himself might have said, just as well too.

In the spirit of kindly candour, death and distance could not lend sufficient enchantment to remove the view that the period over which he presided in the 1950s was a time of missed opportunities. He was not solely or pre-eminently responsible for that, but the man who had attacked the status quo in the 1930s became its employer for a time in the 1950s, before returning to be its antagonist again in the 1980s.

Minister refuses to go on tour

A Labour MP's offer to take Mr John Moore, Secretary of State for Transport, on a guided walking tour of Merseyside to see the effects of bus deregulation was declined during Commons questions.

Mr Robert Wareing (Liverpool, West Derby, Lab) said that they would have to walk because of the irregularity of the buses.

A Merseyside Passenger Transport Executive report last week, he said, had stated that of passengers had turned to other forms of transport. What had been a reasonable service was totally inefficient, totally incompetent.

Mr David Mitchell, Minister of State for Transport, said that reliability of local bus services was nothing to do with the Government or with the legislation. It was entirely a matter of responsibility for those on the ground. Local operators had not been helped by strikes.

Private cash for London light railway

The London Docklands Development Corporation believed that the Beckton extension of the Docklands Light Railway in east London did not have to be funded from the public purse, Mr David Mitchell, Minister of State for Transport, said during Commons questions.

The LDDC believed, and research suggested that large increases in land values in the dockland area after the completion of the railway could be harnessed to pay for it, he said when responding to calls from Labour MPs for public funding.

Mr Mitchell added that he would be visiting the area on Wednesday.

Tube journeys a record

A record 1,900 million passenger journeys were made on the London Underground last year, Mr David Mitchell, Minister of State for Transport, said during Commons questions.

He added that investment by London Regional Transport was at a record level this year and was planned to be even greater next year.

Allason clear

Sir Michael Havers, the Attorney General, has decided, he said in a written reply, not to prosecute Mr Rupert Allason under section 7 of the Official Secrets Acts for inviting Mr Arthur Martin to break his duty of confidentiality on security matters to the Crown in respect of information to be included in his book *A Matter of Trust*.

Libya denial

The Prime Minister declined, in a written reply, to publish the Government's evidence of Libyan involvement in the Berlin night club terrorist bombing early last year "because of its nature and source". In another reply she said that the Government had no evidence of Syrian involvement in the bombing.

Wapping cases

A total of 1,238 people had been arrested and charged with offences in connection with the Wapping dispute up to December 29, **Mr Douglas Hogg**, Under-Secretary of State, Home Office, said in a Commons written reply. Of those, 507 had been charged with threatening or insulting behaviour, 298 with highway obstruction, and the remainder with a variety of other offences, including four charged with causing grievous bodily harm, 17 with actual bodily harm, and 63 with assault on police.

Parliament today

Commons (2.30): Debate on the Army.

Lords (2.30): Debtors (Scotland) Bill, second reading. Northern Ireland (Emergency Provisions) Act 1978 (Continuance) (No 3) Order. Animals (Scotland) Bill, second reading.

Teachers' Bill row in Lords

By Sheila Gunn
Political Staff

Peers warned the Government last night that they are not prepared to rubber stamp the teachers' pay Bill.

Resistance is growing in the House of Lords to the amount of power the Bill will give to Mr Kenneth Baker, Secretary of State for Education, and the lack of negotiating rights for teachers and local education authorities.

Peers on the independent and bishops' benches united with Labour and Alliance members during the second reading debate last night to call for some sort of an independent review body to negotiate teachers' pay and conditions rather than the advisory body set up by the Bill, which would be under the direct control of Mr Baker.

The Government is keenly aware that the fate of the Bill, which imposes a settlement on the long-running teachers' pay dispute, lies in the hands of the Lords. But ministers are strongly opposed to any watering-down of the Bill.

Human rights convention

Poll majority wants change

By Nicholas Wood, Political Reporter

Two people in three want the European Convention on Human Rights incorporated into British law, according to an opinion poll published yesterday . A totla of 71 per cent say such a change would increase their confidence in the country's democratic system.

The findings of the Gallup survey were described as "highly satisfactory and rather surprising" by Sir Edward Gardner, QC, the Conservative MP for Fylde and chairman of the all-party Commons Select Committee on Home Affairs, who has introduced a Bill to give complainants the immediate remedy of a British court rather than undergo the delay and expense of appealing to the European Court of Human Rights in Strasbourg.

The Bill has all-party support but is likely to be opposed by the Government because senior ministers fear it could lead to a clash between the judiciary and Parliament.

Yesterday, Sir Edward said it would "come hard" from any government to block his measure because most of the 20 states that have ratified the

Sir Edward: Findings are "highly satisfactory".

convention have altered their domestic legislation accordingly.

He denied that it threatened the sovereignty of Parliament and urged ministers to allow MPs a free vote on the issue when the second reading debate is held on February 6.

"If the Government decided to be hostile to the Bill, I fear we should have very little hope of getting it through the House of Commons. But if the Government is neutral and gives the House the chance to make up its own mind on an individual basis. I think the majority will vote for the Bill and it will have every chance of becoming law."

The articles of the convention cover basic rights such as freedom of expression, personal liberty, a fair trial.

The Cabinet is said to be divided over the issue, with Lord Hailsham of St Marylebone, the Lord Chancellor, and Sir Michael Havers, the Attorney General, ranged against other senior ministers in favour of the status quo.

The Gallup survey, based on a sample of 878 people, was carried out in the week before Christmas for the all-party Rights Campaign. Of those surveyed, 75 per cent said they had heard of the Strasbourg court and there was a 2:1 majority in favour of incorporating the convention into British law.

Mr Richard Holme, chairman of the campaign, repeating the appeal for a free vote, said: "This poll confirms that Sir Edward's Bill is not only well understood but well supported across the board. MPs should take account of the public wish to see protection of individual rights freely available in the British courts."

MPs 'must settle Powell deadlock'

By Martin Fletcher, Political Reporter

A Commons select committee called on MPs yesterday to settle the deadlock caused by the persistent refusal of Mr Enoch Powell to declare his outside interests.

The Committee on Members' Interests issued a report insisting that the House should either uphold the "integrity" of the *Register of Members' Interests* by ordering the Ulster Unionist MP to complete it, or take the necessary action to meet his constitutional arguments

If the Government allows the report to be debated, and if MPs opt for the first course, the likelihood is that Mr Powell would refuse to comply and would render himself liable to suspension or expulsion from the Commons. In the last resort, he could ask the electorate of his South Down constituency to re-elect him and thus force the Commons to back down.

Alone among Westminster's 650 MPs, Mr Powell has declined to declare his interests since the *Register* was begun in 1975. Since then the Government of the day has repeatedly failed to respond to the committee's demands that he should be ordered to comply.

According to minutes of that meeting released yesterday, Mr Powell accepted that the House had the right to insist that MPs should declare their interests when taking parliamentary action, but argued that it required an Act of Parliament, not a resolution of the House, to impose what was effectively a new condition for being an MP.

"The qualifications to be an MP, or disqualifications from being an MP, are a matter of law and can only be increased or altered by altering the law, and no resolution of either House by itself can do that to the law", he said.

Mr Powell admitted that he was in "clear contempt" of the House by refusing to declare his interests, and agreed that the House would be fully within its rights to expell him. But, he continued, the resolution was unlawful and "I am therefore as an individual placing myself in contempt of the House in order not to be guilty of what I regard as the greater breach".

Alliance chooses its spokesmen

The original members the "gang of four", who, with Dr David Owen, founded the Social Democratic Party, are all given important posts in the Alliance's election team announced yesterday.

Mrs Shirley Williams, without a parliamentary seat since her defeat at the last election, is to be the Alliance's home affairs spokesman; Mr William Rodgers, who is also outside the Commons, energy spokesman; and Mr Roy Jenkins, the former Labour Chancellor of the Exchequer and MP for Glasgow Hillhead, Treasury spokesman. Mr Alan Beith, the Liberal deputy leader, is to be foreign affairs spokesman. The full list is as follows:

Mr Roy Jenkins (SDP)	Treasury
Mr Alan Beith (L)	Foreign Affairs
Mrs Shirley Williams (SDP)	Home Affairs
Lady Seear (L)	Social Services
Mr John Cartwright (SDP)	Defence
Mr David Alton (L)	N Ireland
Mr William Rodgers (SDP)	Energy
Sir Russell Johnston (L)	Scotland
Mr Robert Maclennan (SDP)	Agriculture and Fisheries
Mr Geraint Howells (L)	Wales
Mr Ian Wrigglesworth (SDP)	Trade and Industry
Mr Malcolm Bruce (L)	Employment
Lady Stedman (SDP)	Environmental Protection
Mr Clement Freud (L)	Arts, Broadcasting, Recreation
Mr Michael Meadowcroft (L)	Housing and Local Government
Mr Paddy Ashdown (L)	Education and Science
Mr James Wallace (L)	Transport
Mr Alex Carlile, QC (L)	Legal Affairs
Mr Charles Kennedy (SDP)	Social Security
Mr Simon Hughes (L)	Health
Mr Archy Kirkwood (L)	Overseas Development
Mr Michael Hancock (SDP)	Planning
Mr Richard Livsey (L)	Countryside
Mrs Elisabeth Shields (L)	Disabled

Aids hotline opened to fight fears of infection

By Craig Seton

An Aids telephone hotline was in use within minutes of opening in Birmingham yesterday when a woman caller asked if sharing a toothbrush put her at risk of catching the disease.

The confidential telephone advice service, known as Lifeline, has been established by the Birmingham City Council and district health authorities to allay fears about how Aids is spread. Sixty volunteer counsellors will man six telephone lines between 1pm and 10pm every day at an office in the city.

Birmingham council has put £10,000 into the venture, which is intended to clear up confusion about the disease rather than act as a specialized counselling service for those considered most at risk.

The telephone call from the woman with the toothbrush was answered by Dr Jennie Carpenter, district medical officer for east Birmingham, and one of the volunteer counsellors, who told the anonymous caller that there were no known cases of the disease being passed on by a shared toothbrush. But she said sensible hygiene suggested that sharing was not to be recommended.

Another caller asked if she should continue to have social contact with homosexual friends. Dr Carpenter said: "I told her that she could not get the disease by social contact alone."

There have been 13 cases of Aids and nine deaths in the West Midlands, and a further 252 people have been identified as carrying the virus.

Dr Rod Griffiths, co-ordinator of the scheme, said: "For people who want a confidential service, there will be doctors, nurses, psychologists, health education officers, health visitors and other trained personnel at the end of the line."

Mr Hugh McCallion, chairman of the city council's environmental health committee, said: "There is a lot of confusion about what Aids is and how it is spread. The aim of our Lifeline is to give people the facts and simple advice. There will be no preaching."

The telephone number of the Lifeline is 021-235-3535.

● The first of the Government's leaflets warning of the dangers of Aids should arrive in homes today.

The Post Office is confident that the two-week distribution of 23 million leaflets, entitled *Aids: Don't Die of Ignorance*, will not be affected by the current cold weather. "We have got a good record of coping with bad weather. I don't foresee any problems," a spokesman said yesterday.

The distribution is being handled through the household delivery service, in a special operation for delivering unaddressed items along with ordinary post.

The Government Aids warning will arrive inside envelopes bearing the message: "This leaflet is being sent to every household in the country to inform everyone about Aids, in order to help stop the spread of this serious disease. It deals with matters of health and sex that may be disturbing. Please make sure that everyone in your household who may need this information sees this leaflet."

Another one million leaflets will be distributed in main post offices later this month. A postmark bearing the slogan, "AIDS: Don't Die of Ignorance", will soon be stamped on letters at sorting offices.

Promotion drive for Channel tunnel

Eurotunnel, the Anglo-French Channel tunnel promoters, are to carry out a big operation aimed at briefing Britain's commercial and industrial companies on the £5.3 billion project.

Teams of Eurotunnel and British Rail executives will travel throughout the United Kingdom to tell businesses about the potential for fast bilateral trade links.

The operation will be carried out on a region-by-region basis and will take in about 1,500 medium to large companies and a selection of multinational and foreign companies.

Sir Robert Reid, chairman of BR, and the Department of Transport have welcomed the initiative, which will be launched later this month.

The project will have two aims: to inform business and industry of the opportunities the tunnel will bring and to help the promoters to learn more about industry's needs and concerns.

Drinks driver crashed bus

A driver who crashed his double-deck bus with passengers on board into another vehicle after drinking more than three times the permitted limit, was yesterday banned for three years.

Alan Matthews, aged 48, of Saltoun Road, Brixton, south-west London, admitted driving with excess alcohol at Coldharbour Lane, Camberwell, on December 18 and was fined £200. A breath specimen gave a reading of 113 microgrammes; the legal limit is 35.

Man for trial in kidnap case

A steel erector accused of kidnapping two girls was committed to the Central Criminal Court for trial in custody by Haringey magistrates yesterday.

Abbey Wrsama, aged 45, of Guntstone Road, west Kensington, London, is charged with assaulting and injuriously imprisoning one girl for nine days against her will and with assaulting and unlawfully imprisoning a second girl for 30 minutes against her will.

ICI charged after blast

Imperial Chemical Industries is to face prosecution by the Health and Safety Executive after a chemical explosion and leak of fumes from its fertilizer plant at Billingham, Cleveland.

Mr David Moreton, aged 21, an electrician died 10 days after the blast at the CCF factory last October. Another 19 people were taken to hospital for treatment.

Cigarette theft

A million cigarettes in vending packs have been stolen from a tobacco wholesaler in Market Harborough, Leicestershire. Police said they should be easily recognized by anyone offered cheap cigarettes.

Mrs Ita Roberts, a staff nurse at Victoria Maternity Hospital, Barnet, north London, with Ralph, who was named after a teenager who found him abandoned in a telephone box.

The 9lb 3oz seven-day-old boy was described by staff at the hospital yesterday as being "very contented". He was said to be sleeping and feeding well.

The baby who has brown hair and blue eyes, slept soundly through a press photograph session yesterday.

He was found by a boy aged 16 in a telephone box on Sunday night at Finchley, north London, wrapped in a blanket inside a cardboard box with a food bottle.

"He was very well wrapped up and pink in colour," a hospital spokesman said. Staff believe the mother had meant him to be found quickly.

The police are still searching for the mother, who they believe had left the baby for only a short time.

Council fights £35m rent battle with tenant

Council tenants in a south London borough could be given £35 million in rent rebates if Mr Paul Winder wins his five-year court fight.

He is opposing Wandsworth council's claim for £1,050 in unpaid rent which he has refused to pay because he claims the council's rent increases in 1981 and 1982 were unreasonable and excessive.

Mr Winder has already fought the council in court on 11 occasions, until the House of Lords gave him approval to defend the action on the ground that the increases were *unlawful*.

Since the council increased the rent on his flat in Pangley Grove, Roehampton, south London, from £12.06 to £16.56 per week in March 1981 and then to £18.53 in March 1982, Mr Winder has paid only what he considers to be a reasonable rent.

Now he is asking Mr Justice Mervyn Davies in the High Court to rule that the increases were *contrary to the* 1957 Housing Act, unlawful and void, so he does not have to pay them.

Mr Alexander Irvine QC, for the council, told the judge it was for Mr Winder to prove the council had acted unreasonably. The court was limited to ensuring the council had acted within its powers and could not substitute its own view on what was a reasonable increase.

The hearing, expected to last five days, continues today.

Jury told murder was a foul outrage

A judge at the Central Criminal Court in London yesterday said that whoever killed Tessa Howden was "the perpetrator of a foul outrage".

Sir James Miskin, The Recorder of London, told a jury of six women and six men that they must feel "total disgust" at what was done to Miss Howden, aged 19, who was sexually assaulted and strangled with her tights while her parents slept near by at their home in Selsdon, Surrey.

"You will remain disgusted for the rest of your lives," the judge said.

Gary Taken, aged 20, denies murdering Miss Howden, a local paper promotions girl, in the bedroom of her home at Foxearth Spur.

The judge instructed the jury to set aside their feelings when they began deliberating on a verdict. "Just look at the case dispassionately," *he told them*.

During the trial, the judge adjourned the proceedings briefly when a female juror felt unwell while looking at photographs of Miss Howden as her father had found her — semi-naked, her throat slashed and with a ligature made of her white tights still round her throat.

The prosecution has alleged that Mr Taken, a scaffolder, of Heather Way, Selsdon, a quarter of a mile from Miss Howden's home, left his fingerprints in her blood around her bedroom together with his pair of red rimmed sunglasses.

Mr Taken maintains he was having a secret affair with the girl, who had a steady boy friend, and that she had let him in on the night of her death. He says he left her unharmed after they had sexual intercourse.

The judge told members of the jury that they were entitled to ask themselves why, if Miss *Howden had let Mr Taken in* herself, his fingerprints were on a kitchen window at the house.

The judge told the jury it was perfectly natural for Mr Taken's mother to want to help him after he was charged with the "hideous" offence.

But the jury would have to decide whether she had invented her story of her son being at home when the murder took place.

The jury is expected to be sent out to reach a verdict today.

Ulster MP gets armed convoy to court

By Richard Ford

The deputy leader of Northern Ireland's Democratic Unionist Party, Mr Peter Robinson MP, goes on trial in the Irish Republic today accused of *assaulting* police officers and causing malicious damage in a border village.

An armed convoy of the republic's police will escort the vehicle bringing Mr Robinson, the DUP MP for East Belfast, and party colleagues, including the Rev Ian Paisley, the leader of the DUP, from the border to the Special Criminal Court in Dublin.

Mr Robinson, who has refused an RUC offer to escort him from home in east Belfast to the border, refused to say whether he would be staying in the republic during his trial or travelling back to the province at the end of each day's hearing.

He said: *"I have no intention of telling the IRA my plans."*

The trial has potential for enormous publicity and propaganda which Mr Robinson and his party will relish as it will provide a platform for them to show unionist opposition to the Anglo-Irish agreement — and that their party is in the forefront of resistance to it.

During the trial, which is expected to last a week, 59 witnesses are likely to be called. Mr Robinson, aged 38, will be represented by Mr Desmond Boal QC, a former chairman of the DUP.

Mr Robinson faces 11 charges arising from an incursion by a "loyalist" mob into the border village of Clontibert, Co Monaghan, last August. Four allege assault on two gardai injured during the incident, six of causing malicious damage to Garda Siochana (police force) and local authority property and one of unlawful assembly.

Anyone found guilty of assaulting gardai in the execution of their duty is liable to up to two years' imprisonment.

● An Army bomb disposal expert yesterday defused a 450lb bomb in a van abandoned on the edge of a housing estate in west Belfast.

Seventy families were moved out of their homes on the Poleglass estate early yesterday after the Mercedes van with the explosives on board was abandoned by Provisional IRA terrorists when they saw a vehicle checkpoint.

Gambler wins victory on deception charge

Mr Andreas Anastasi plans to pursue his claim for £15,389 winnings from William Hill the bookmakers, after his acquittal on an attempted deception charge at Wood Green Crown Court, Essex, yesterday.

Mr Elikkos Georghiades, for the defence, made a successful submission at the end of the prosecution case that the case should not go any further. The judge, Assistant Recorder Gareth Davies, directed the jury to find Mr Anastasi not guilty.

Judge Davies told the jury: "I have decided that the constituent parts of the prosecution case have not been made out."

Mr Anastasi, aged 36, a dress buyer, of Avondale Road, Palmers Green, north London, had denied a charge of attempting to obtain by deception £15,389, the winnings from two football bets which the prosecution claimed he had made at William Hill's branch in Green Lanes, Palmers Green, after the morning football matches were over on Boxing Day 1985.

The prosecution alleged that although a till clock was faulty and stuck at 11.30am it was possible to say the bets were made later in the day by comparing the slip numbers with those of off-slips placed throughout the system at the beginning of afternoon horse races.

When Mr Anastasi returned to collect his winnings the next day he was told the bets were void. He insisted they were valid and engaged solicitors.

Mr Anastasi said after his acquittal: "I am going to pursue my claim for the £15,389 and I hope William Hill will do the decent thing and pay up."

Hypothermia deaths: 2

Heating benefits unclaimed

In the second of two articles on heating benefits, Jill Sherman assesses other heating help available now and looks ahead to changes in 1988.

The present cold snap which started last weekend has already caused a spate of deaths from hypothermia, but the Government is quick to point out that severe weather payments represent a small part of statutory help with heating costs.

In 1985 it paid out £1.7 million in exceptionally severe weather payments and more than £400 million in other heating additions.

But voluntary organizations say that many people do not claim the benefits to which they are entitled, are often unaware of their existence and tend to sit in the cold rather than turn on expensive heaters.

The Child Poverty Action Group has calculated that 1.29 million people did not take up supplementary benefit entitlements at all in 1983. Miss Ruth Lister, director of the action group, estimates that thousands more on supplementary benefit are not claiming their full heating entitlements.

Some heating allowance is *included* in the normal benefit rate for all claimants on supplementary benefit but certain groups are also entitled to heating additions and single payments to help with heating and insulation.

Although many of those allowances will be abolished once the social security reforms are implemented in April 1988, they will apply for both this winter and next.

At present many people on supplementary benefit are entitled to a regular weekly heating additions of either £2.20 or £5.50 a week, depending on the severity of the hardship. People can qualify for *these* additions on age grounds, or if they are chronically ill or housebound, or because they live in a home which is difficult to heat because it is damp or has large rooms.

Claimants aged 65 or more, or with a child aged under two, get £2.20. Those aged 85 or older get £5.55. People on *mobility* allowances or attendance allowance are each entitled to the higher rate of £5.55.

Tenants on estates with heating systems designated by the DHSS as exceptionally expensive can also get extra allowances of between £4.40 and £8.80 a week.

Those who qualify for one or more of the heating additions usually qualify for only one extra allowance, but it will be the highest one. However, those entitled to a lower rate on both health and accommodation grounds are eligible for the full £5.55.

The Citizens Advice Bureaux, which expects a stream of inquiries this week, said: "Thousands of people are losing out on over £150 per annum because they do not realize they are eligible for the higher rate." Mr Stephen Johnson, joint organizer at the Waltham Forest bureau, said DHSS offices often failed to inform claimants of the maximum benefits to which they were entitled.

Mr Johnson said DHSS officers who visited claimants to make assessments often failed to pick up obvious evidence of damp or draughts and claimants tended to minimize the problem.

He said that even where the client was advised by a social worker, under-claiming was common because most social workers were not trained in welfare rights.

Some claimants are also entitled to one-off single payments. These include help to pay for the first fuel bills after changing or moving to a new system; and to stop disconnection if the claimant can prove that this would cause serious damage or health risks — although the fuel boards now promise not to cut off pensioners during the winter.

In addition, payments will be made to install prepayment gas or electricity meters.

Both the DHSS and the Department of the Environment *also* provide some *help* for draught-proofing and insulation. Many people are now taking advantage of neighbourhood action schemes, funded by the Manpower Services Commission.

Under the new social security reforms, which come into operation in April 1988, all heating additions and single payments are being abolished. Mr Norman Fowler, Secretary of State for Social Services, has given assurances that the heating additions will be reflected in the weekly rates under a new income support scheme and in the new weekly premiums payable to families with children, pensioners, disabled people and lone parents.

But many single payments will now be available only as loans from the new Social Fund which will have a limited annual budget.

Voluntary organizations fear that claimants may be worse off under the new scheme and will be even less able to afford to keep warm.

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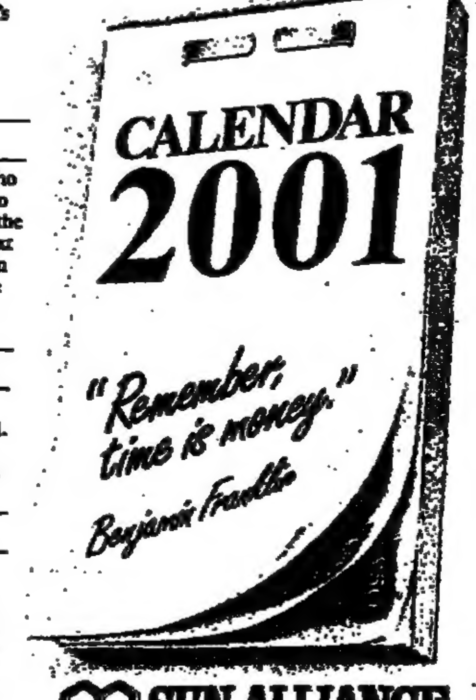

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50	54	2,836	2,484	879	6,199	2,836
55	59	2,785	2,440	863	6,088	2,702
60	64	2,741	2,401	850	5,992	2,330
65	69	2,709	2,373	840	5,922	1,978
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40	44	7,531	6,597	2,335	16,463	7,531
45	49	7,418	6,498	2,300	16,216	7,418
50	54	7,321	6,413	2,270	16,004	7,321
55	59	7,213	6,319	2,236	15,768	6,997
60	64	7,103	6,222	2,302	15,527	6,838
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WORLD SUMMARY

397 South Korea students on trial

Seoul (Reuter) – Almost 400 South Korean students yesterday went on trial accused of leading last October's three-day campus revolt, which was staged to force the resignation of President Chun Doo Hwan.

The 397 students from 24 universities were among more than 1,200 protesters held after 7,000 police used tear gas, helicopters and water cannon to crush the revolt at an east Seoul campus.

The defendants, being tried in four different courts, have been charged with either violating the tough National Security Law or with illegal assembly and violence.

The students, reviling Chun government policies and calling for reunification with communist North Korea, kept police at bay for three days with stones and petrol bombs at Konkuk University.

Peking conductor

Peking – Mr Edward Heath, right, the former Prime Minister, will conduct the Central Philharmonic Orchestra of China in a charity performance in Peking on April 18 (Robert Grieves writes).

Proceeds from the performance, which will take place in the 8,000-seat auditorium in the Great Hall of the People and includes a programme featuring works by Tchaikovsky, Dvorak and Elgar, will be donated to the China Welfare Fund for the Handicapped. Mr Deng Pufang, chairman of the fund and son of Mr Deng Xiaoping, said that the money would be used to build a rehabilitation centre for the handicapped at Horse Island in Shandong province.

González in Egypt

Cairo – Señor Felipe González, the Spanish Prime Minister, arrived yesterday for a four-day official visit to discuss Egypt's $987 million (£670 million) military debt to Spain and international issues ranging from the Middle East peace process to Mediterranean security (A Correspondent writes).

Egypt, whose total foreign debt is about $36 billion, is expected to suggest repaying some of its debts to Spain in crude oil.

Señor González is expected to meet President Mubarak today.

Guerrillas kill five

Delhi – Sikh guerrillas killed a policeman near Jallandhar and a Sikh woman with her three daughters at Tarantaran, Amritsar, yesterday, raising the death toll in the last 12 days to 31 (Kuldip Nayar writes).

The guerrillas have changed their tactics in the last month, concentrating on Sikh policemen and informers and their families.

The Indian Government is said to be worried about the growing demoralization in the police force in Punjab.

Ghanaians in protest

Accra (AFP) – Thousands of Ghanaians demonstrated yesterday outside the British Embassy here against the visit of Mrs Lynda Chalker, Minister of State at the Foreign Office, and Britain's attitude on apartheid in South Africa.

Mrs Chalker arrived over the weekend to commission a new British Embassy building.

The protesters also called for the unconditional repeal of recent immigration laws under which Ghanaians and other Third World nationals must have visas to enter Britain.

Books for Vanunu

Jerusalem (AP) – A district court judge yesterday ordered prison authorities to return a radio and books to Mr Mordechai Vanunu, who is in jail while on trial for revealing Israeli nuclear secrets to a British newspaper, Israel radio said.

Judge Zvi Cohen also ruled that the authorities could continue to deny Mr Vanunu newspapers and could censor letters written by him containing details of secret court hearings.

Rangoon mops up

Rangoon (Reuter) – Burmese government troops are mopping up remnants of a communist guerrilla force after a fierce two-month fight to retake control of a town near the border with China, officials said yesterday.

Two light infantry divisions had consolidated control of Kyuhkok town and two nearby mountain outposts which were retaken from a 1,500-strong Burma Communist Party force last week, they said.

Chad's military euphoria over slaughter at Fada

From Philip Jacobson
Ndjamena

The dawn chorus ir this dusty little capital of Chad cc nsisted also of the shattering roar of military aircraft warming up for take-off as a top-level delegation from the French Ministry of Defence set off for Paris with an urgent report on the escalation of fighting between Chadian government forces and Libyan troops, occupying the north of this vast, empty country.

French Air Force cargo planes, with an escort of jet fighters, were climbing up at regular intervals from their sprawling base near Ndjamena's civil airport. Much-needed ammunition, medical supplies and other equipment were being rushed to the new front created by the bloody rout of one of Colonel Gadaffi's main garrisons at the strategic oasis of Fada 10 days ago.

According to the experts, General Jean Saulnier, the visiting French Chief of Staff, believes the forces of President Hissène Habré now have the bit firmly between their teeth and will launch further attacks on the increasingly dispirited, even panicky, Libyan invaders.

"What they achieved at Fada against a larger and better-armed enemy was truly exceptional," declared the general, looking trim in air force blues.

It was possible, he conceded, that the death toll had been less than the official claim of 800 Libyans and 300 Chadian rebels. He assured us, however, that the fighting was of extraordinary intensity, "much of it at point-blank range, with both sides throwing in everything they had".

The French believe the slaughter at Fada has created a significantly new situation in the struggle with Libya.

"I don't want to swap armchair strategy with you, but the Libyans must now be assessing their position very anxiously," General Saulnier said.

There is a new spirit and expertise in the Chadian Army as a result, he maintained without undue modesty, of the intensive training provided by the French Sparrowhawk task force, which is based here.

There may, however, be less agreement among the allies about General Saulnier's view that the Government can pursue its new offensive without French air cover. Even in the euphoria of victory, the Chadian High Command is uncomfortably aware that its push towards the Libyan strongholds in the rugged desert terrain north of the 16th parallel, which has served as a dividing line for the past three years, leaves them dangerously exposed to Colonel Gadaffi's powerful array of Soviet planes.

Reports that Libya is massing combat aircraft for a heavy retaliatory strike in the north has led to an urgent request from Chad for modern ground-to-air missiles to protect newly captured positions such as Fada.

Chad evidently has some aircraft defences, having shot down at least one Libyan plane over Fada, but there is no really suitable missile in France's armoury, which explains President Habré's desire to obtain the US-made Stinger. The word from Washington, however, is that he will have to make do with the less-sophisticated Red-Eye.

Other military equipment is now beginning to arrive in bulk from the US on board the massive C 5 Galaxie freighters from Nantes. Observers here say the cargo is mainly desert vehicles, ammunition and small arms – part of the $15 million (about £10 million) US military aid earmarked for Chad this year.

How the fighting will develop over the next few months remains to be seen. General Saulnier makes it clear that he feels the Chadians should stick to "movement and manoeuvre".

The danger, as the French see it, is that President Habré's forces may pause to establish their own positions. Large concentrations of government troops might even encourage the ultra-cautious Libyan pilots to press home attacks from rather lower and more effective altitudes than they presently favour.

Meanwhile, in Ndjamena *Téléphone Arabe* is working overtime despite government claims of persistent rumours that there has been no recapture of the important northern town of Zouar, which is on the key Libyan supply route through the rugged Tibesti mountains.

Very few people, including foreign journalists, know any more about the savage clashes.

But while passing the palatial French Embassy yesterday, I believe I saw the Ambassador playing a rather sharp game of tennis. Taking into account General Saulnier's unconcealed satisfaction with what he had come from Paris to discover, this might reasonably be held to indicate that things continue to go pretty well for the Paris-Ndjamena partnership.

● PARIS: French and Chadian troops came under attack on Sunday night at a camp close to the Libyan-controlled zone of the country but there were no casualties, French defence ministry officials said (Reuter reports).

They said the ground attack, described as a brief skirmish, was directed at the Chadian Army's advance camp in the eastern town of Kalait, where French troops maintain a logistics depot.

Fiat deal and papal visit top Jaruzelski's Italian agenda

From Roger Boyes, Rome

General Wojciech Jaruzelski, the Polish leader, yesterday began his first important diplomatic mission to the West since the crushing of Solidarity. He launched a battery of high-level talks in Italy by lunching with President Cossiga and then dining, probably less comfortably, with Signor Bettino Craxi, the Prime Minister.

Despite a straggling demonstration outside his Grand Hotel headquarters, the general's visit was progressing more smoothly than past forays into the capitalist world. In Paris last year he was forced to enter the presidential palace through a back door.

Human rights – since an amnesty last September resulted in the release of Solidarity prisoners – is no longer the main issue in the Pole's political meetings. Nevertheless, both Signor Craxi and Signor Giulio Andreotti, his Foreign Minister, have been pressing for the freeing of Solidarity theorists, such as Mr Adam Michnik. The fact, however, that the visit is taking place at all reflects a new mood.

The Italians would like to see the Polish authorities allow the establishment of competitive unions – as provided for under Polish law – and, less controversially, explain in more detail how they intend to repay the country's debts.

Italy has just rescheduled Poland's debts, outstanding for 1982 to 1984, and is prepared to guarantee further credit if Warsaw agrees to Fiat modernizing the Polish car industry.

The general has acknowledged these anxieties by agreeing to what is likely to be a stormy encounter tomorrow with Italian union leaders by scheduling a session with senior Italian business figures. His pivotal meetings, however, will be an audience today with the Pope and some hard-nosed business discussions with Signor Giovanni Agnelli, the chairman of Fiat.

The Pope is due to visit Poland in June and it is expected he will receive a formal invitation to do so from the general today. But the Pope also wants to know what concrete progress can be made on Church-state relations in his homeland before he arrives.

The last time the two met was during the Pontiff's 1983 pilgrimage when the Polish leader agreed to an ambitious church plan to channel Western funds to private farmers. The plan collapsed partly because of bureaucratic feet dragging which scared away potential donors. The Pope was not pleased.

Italian press reports say Signor Agnelli will discuss with the general a major agreement on modernizing the Polish car industry. The deal is said to be worth some $200 million (£133 million), some of it in the form of guaranteed credit.

The agreement is yet to be completed and the Japanese are counter-bidding, but the scope of the contract would represent a breakthrough for Poland, which has been denied substantial new credit since 1981, when General Jaruzelski banned Solidarity and imposed martial law.

Demonstrations against the Polish leader are being organized by the Italian Radical Party and the left-wing Democratic Party, which is trying to stage a candlelight march. Six Radicals, including three parliamentarians, were arrested in Warsaw at the weekend while protesting against the visit.

Signor Bettino Craxi, left, escorting General Jaruzelski as he inspects a guard of honour at Rome's Ciampino airport.

Battle for control of south Lebanon

Unifil may soon fire back

From Our Own Correspondent, Jerusalem

United Nations troops in southern Lebanon are now under such regular attack by the Israeli-backed militia that they are likely soon to start firing back in self-defence.

Ever since the UN Interim Force in Lebanon, or Unifil, arrived in 1978, its men have had the right to protect themselves. But despite having lost 139 men, the force has shown great restraint before firing back.

In the past three weeks, however, there have been nearly 70 incidents when Unifil troops have reported coming under attack from the Israeli-backed South Lebanon Army (SLA). Even before Corporal Dermot McGloughlin of the Irish Battalion was killed by an Israeli shell on Saturday, consideration was being given at UN headquarters in Naqqoura to allowing the men to exercise fully their right of self-defence.

The death of the Irish soldier – attributed to "human error" by the Israeli Army yesterday – is another powerful argument for those who want greater freedom to defend their men.

According to Mr Timor Goksel, the UN spokesman at Naqqoura: "Now we are taking casualties. There has been no let-up and it is getting more and more serious. In view of what has happened since the beginning of December, we are now talking of using fully the right of self-defence we have always had."

His figures show that, while there have been nearly 70 attacks on UN troops by the SLA in three weeks, there have been only two attacks by local Shia militia groups in the same period. Only last autumn, it was persistent attacks by the Shia on French UN troops which led to more than half of them being withdrawn.

The present state of SLA attacks marks a new phase in the battle for control of south Lebanon. It comes at a particularly awkward time, with the UN due to decide on whether to renew the Unifil mandate again next Monday. The majority of the Israeli Government now wants that mandate renewed, believing that the UN troops are helping to stop infiltration of the border from Lebanon.

The fact that an Israeli tank was responsible for the latest Irish casualty – the 21st suffered by the battalion overall and the second in a month – has led to a top-level Israeli inquiry, with Major-General Yossi Peled, commander of the troops in Lebanon, considering action against the tank's commander.

However, the general's main concern must be to try to bring the SLA under control.

This is likely to mean the need for further reinforcement by Israeli troops, who are continuing to patrol the area inside Lebanon that they control with the SLA.

Meanwhile, south of Sidon Israeli jets yesterday again pounded what are said here to be Palestinian positions round refugee camps.

● SIDON: Police said seven people were killed or wounded yesterday in the raid by Israeli warplanes on Palestinian targets east of here.

Five Israeli planes met heavy anti-aircraft fire as they fired missiles on two Palestine Liberation Organization positions near the village of Maghdousheh, police said.

Terror link in world drug trade

From Richard Bassett
Vienna

The illicit marketing of drugs is masterminded by international criminals whose activities threaten the security and stability of several countries, the International Narcotics Control Board claimed in Vienna yesterday.

In its annual report, the board noted that "vast sums" of money from illegal drug dealers were being "laundered through legitimate enterprises". Those who profited had "extensive links" with international terrorism and received support from international financiers.

"This whole process undermines economic and social order, spreads violence and corruption and imperils political stability," the report said.

The large amount of cocaine emanating from Peru and Bolivia was responsible, the report implied, for instability in certain areas of Latin America.

But as a spokesman for the board insisted yesterday, "every country's security is potentially at risk".

All countries were affected by the drugs problem and no level of society was immune.

Trends observed in 1986 suggested that a new upsurge in the abuse of cocaine was hitting Western Europe, including the United Kingdom, though heroin addiction had stabilized, the report said.

Growing concern was also voiced over the steady increase of drug abuse in Eastern Europe.

The board, however, reserved its deepest anxiety for two relatively new developments: the phenomenon of "designer drugs" and the emergence of a cheap and pure form of cocaine known as "crack".

"Designer drugs", made by altering a chemical substance freely available, could be marketed with increasing ease. "Crack", because it could be made without a semi-explosive catalyst, was "particuarly hazardous". Its inexpensiveness and ability to reach the brain within seconds often results in severe dependence and criminal behaviour.

The implications of this for the United States, where according to the report four to five million people use cocaine regularly, were cited by a spokesman for the board to be "deeply disturbing".

● DUBAI: A senior police officer warned here that drug smuggling in the oil-rich Gulf region is becoming a serious problem (AP reports). Lt-Col Abdul-Aziz Muhammad Abdullah, deputy chief of the Dubai police criminal investigation department, urged co-ordination among states of the Gulf Co-operation Council to combat the problem.

Reagan is told to go easy

From Michael Binyon
Washington

President Reagan has resumed work after his prostate operation, but has been advised by doctors to take it easy for the next six weeks.

One of his first actions yesterday was to appoint Mr Marlin Fitzwater to succeed Mr Larry Speakes as White House spokesman. Mr Fitzwater is at present the spokesman for Vice-President George Bush.

Yesterday Mr Reagan summoned to the White House Mr Max Kampelman, the US arms negotiator at Geneva, and Mr David Abshire, his designated co-ordinator on the Iran arms scandal.

On his first day back at the Oval Office he also met Mr Bush, Mr Donald Regan, the Chief of Staff, and Mr Frank Carlucci, his new National Security Adviser.

The White House firmly denied reports yesterday that Mr Reagan had pared down his agenda for his final two years in office because of his health and the political fallout from the Iran affair. Mr Speakes said the President intended aggressively to pursue his full agenda.

The New York Times yesterday suggested Mr Reagan would now do no more than protect earlier gains. Quoting White House officials, it said the Administration would concentrate on such priorities as preserving the tax reforms, continuing aid to the Nicaraguan Contras and maintaining his defence build-up.

It said one of the few areas where there might be any new initiatives was arms control, but officials said all they could muster now was "restrained optimism".

Iran and Iraq claim big casualties

Bahrain (Reuter) – The Iran-Iraq war ground on yesterday with barely a shift in advantage for either side as latest communiqués reflected rapidly mounting battlefront casualties.

Iraq said an advance Iranian contingent was trapped in a narrow strip of land near the Fish Lake area, south-east of the city of Basra, after a cross-border thrust on Friday.

"The invading force is now engulfed in the killing zone of the Third and Seventh (Iraqi) Army Corps," said General Adnan Kheirallah, Iraq's Deputy Prime Minister and Defence Minister.

Tehran radio, meanwhile, said the elite Iraqi Presidential Guard had been thrown into the bloody conflict after the Third Army Corps, defending Iraqi lines near Basra, had been badly mauled.

Iran's national news agency IRNA drew attention yesterday to a trip by Iraq's President Saddam Hussein to the warzone, reported by Baghdad television on Sunday night, and said in a battlefront dispatch that his personal efforts to inspire battered forces had proved futile.

President Saddam Hussein: trip to battlefront.

Tehran radio said Iranian forces controlled new areas north and west of Shalamcheh border post, where Tehran launched its assault across the Shatt al-Arab waterway, and frontline correspondents reported the battlefield strewn with Iraqi corpses.

One Iraqi field commander, quoted by Baghdad's INA news agency, said his men had advanced about one kilometre "walking on Iranian bodies" to reoccupy an area seized earlier by Iran.

Baghdad military spokesmen said Iraqi jets yesterday raided five Iranian cities and towns – Kashan, Qom, Esfahan, Borujerd and Arak – and knocked out a missile base north of the Iranian border town of Khorramshahr.

● CAIRO: Field Marshal Abdel-Halim Abu-Ghazala, Egypt's Defence Minister, has called on Arab states to overlook their differences in 1987 and revise their 36-year-old joint defence pact to confront Iranian offences on the Gulf (A Correspondent writes).

US cardinal draws Jewish censure

From Christopher Thomas, Washington

Nearly every leading Jewish organization in the United States has criticized Cardinal John O'Connor of New York after his visit to Israel, which was dominated by gaffes, political controversy and diplomatic embarrassment. The cardinal said the Jewish reaction amounted to a censure.

Cardinal O'Connor, Archbishop of New York, expressed "deep, deep disappointment" with the criticism. "Serious damage could be done if this line is pursued," he commented in Manhattan.

In his visit, the cardinal laid repeated emphasis on the plight of the Palestinians, saying that there could be no just, lasting peace until that issue was resolved.

The Vatican refuses to extend full diplomatic recognition to Israel and does not acknowledge Israeli control over Jerusalem. The cardinal was ordered to cancel appointments with Israel's political leaders at their Jerusalem offices.

The Conference of Presidents of Major American Jewish Organizations, which represents 54 groups, used words like "disquieted, distressed, disturbing and painful" in criticizing the cardinal. It accused him of failing to understand all sides of the Palestinian issue and of not recognizing Israel's efforts to fairly administer Jerusalem.

Cardinal O'Connor retorted: "I hope there is nothing in that statement that will make it more difficult than it has been for me in trying to support the Jewish cause."

Apartheid's face is changing but the instincts remain

From George Brock
Johannesburg

For a map of the enduring realities of South Africa, there is nothing to beat the view from the air. In the same way that aerial photographs can reveal features of the landscape that cannot be seen or measured from the ground, so a bird's eye view strips away detail which, on the ground, can blur important truths.

Flying out of Jan Smuts airport the other day, I could not see people except as specks in the landscape; no details of squalor or luxury, class or politics, to colour the neatly designed board game which determines where the races live.

The rules of this game are known as the Group Areas Act. The Government has been "considering" its reform, but anxious whites were reassured by President Botha the other day that, come what may, "exclusive" white suburbs would remain.

First, we flew over such suburbs with their green lawns, each plot punctuated by the pale, luminous green of the swimming pool. Rectangular pools are out these days; the kidney design is probably the most popular, with a very occasional heart shape. Then over some tighter-packed white housing, with fewer pools.

Then open ground, followed by more houses with few gardens, hardly any space between: Soweto. Acre after acre of dwellings like Monopoly houses carpeting the undulating land to the horizon. Definitely no swimming pools.

This vastness – a city with a population the size of Birmingham – even now rarely appears on "white" South African maps.

The modernizers of apartheid and inexorable economic change have produced a large, black middle class in this, the largest black township by far.

Some estimates say that there are 100,000 blacks in Soweto with a higher income level and a stake in the economy which they could never have had a decade ago.

One of Mr Nelson Mandela's personal doctors works at the huge Baragwanath hospital on the outskirts of Soweto (reputed to be the largest hospital in southern Africa). Waiting for a taxi once at the gates of the hospital, I saw the doctor drive by – in a small silver BMW with an "I love Soweto" sticker on the bumper.

But a rising standard of living pushes those few upwards only to bang them harder against the founding rules of racial separation and domination.

Less social apartheid, higher income opportunities for a few and greater freedom of movement only allow them more time and space to find out that white hands are still holding the levers of power. And those hands are not about to relinquish the grip afforded them by the Group Areas Act.

This is at least partly because of the impending election and the threat to the governing National Party from the white supremacist right wing.

I met Mr Clive Derby-Lewis and his wife, Gay, the other day. Mr Derby-Lewis heads the Conservative Party in Johannesburg, and he thinks that the covert abolition of the Group Areas Act has already gone far enough.

Creeping change has come – with Government connivance – to parts of the city.

One study estimated that 20,000 non-whites were living in three of the northern suburbs supposedly reserved exclusively for whites.

They have usually bought or rented through surrogate nominees, or set up dummy companies which disguise the race of the purchaser or tenant.

Mr Derby-Lewis is clearly intending to sideline his party's economic regeneration and racial partition plans and intends to campaign on a frank "swamping" platform.

"The blacks have taken over. I know one man who went out with a sjambok to put a stop to a shebeen behind his garden. They took the sjambok away from him and lambasted the hell out of him. Mr Botha has said that the position on group areas is fixed. I for one don't trust him."

The social face of apartheid may have undergone plastic surgery, but some of the instincts beneath the surface have remained untouched.

Changes to European currency balance

France says Brussels action was right one for franc

From Diana Geddes
Paris

M Edouard Balladur, the French Finance Minister, brushed aside criticism yesterday that France should have agreed to a devaluation of the franc as well as to the revaluation of the Deutschmark, maintaining that the decision reached at Brussels was the right one to achieve a new equilibrium among the European currencies.

"I am very confident," he said. "It is a good decision and corresponds to what I had hoped for from the outset."

He said he hoped it would lead to a reduction of interest rates in France, which had to be raised over the past couple of weeks to counter speculation against the franc.

M Balladur reaffirmed his view that the realignment within the European Monetary System (EMS) was provoked by a weakening of the dollar and speculation in favour of the Deutschmark rather than as a result of pressure on the franc. But he admitted that industrial unrest in France "had not helped matters".

He said he had been impressed by the universally favourable comment on France's economic policies at the Brussels meeting. That had strengthened his resolve to pursue those policies "without hesitation or weakness", particularly in regard to pay restraint, which was essential if inflation was to be kept within the Government's target of 2 per cent this year.

Brokers on the foreign exchanges remained sceptical yesterday, about whether the 3 per cent revaluation of the *Deutschmark* against the French franc would be sufficient to stabilize the two currencies in view of the relative strength of the German economy.

Although France managed to reduce its inflation rate to 2.3 per cent last year, in Germany prices fell by 1.1 per cent. France's trade deficit with Germany — its main trading partner — *rose 40 per* cent to reach 35.6 billion francs (£3.8 billion) in the first 11 months of 1986.

M Jacques Chirac, the French Prime Minister, called on the country to demonstrate the same "seriousness, tenacity and courage" as Germany had shown over the past four years in its efforts to reduce inflation, cut public spending and keep down wages and the monetary supply.

He was speaking at a New Year's ceremony at the Hotel Mätignon, the Prime Minister's office, shortly before demonstrations called by members of his party against the strikes were due to begin in Paris. M Chirac said he did not see why ordinary members of the public should not have as much a right to express their views publicly as trade unionists.

The demonstrations had been denounced by Socialist leaders as a "provocation" and an incitement to violence. One Gaullist RPR deputy was injured on the head during a confrontation between about 40 RPR supporters and members *of the Communist-led* CGT union outside the union's Paris headquarters early yesterday.

The CGT is the only union to have called for a continuation of the rail and electricity strikes.

The Government seems split in its attitudes to the demonstrations. M *Hervé de* Charette, the Minister for the Civil Service, said yesterday that he was not in favour of political demonstrations to express the exasperation of consumers at just the moment when there was a sign of "appeasement" on the industrial front.

He said he would be meeting unions today to set a date *for pay negotiations for the 4.5* million workers in the public sector. Those talks should begin before the end of the month, he added.

While the situation on the railways and in the electricity service continued to improve yesterday, the strike on the Paris Métro and buses got considerably worse, with only one in four Métro trains and *two in three buses operating* normally.

As the Arctic winter descended on France yesterday, with temperatures in Paris remaining below minus 10 deg. C throughout the day and dropping as low as minus 33 deg. C in parts of Alsace, there was a moment of dismay when new power cuts occurred, suggesting an apparent hardening of attitudes in the electricity workers.

However, it turned out that the cuts were caused by a failure of a power station, probably due to the cold, rather than to union action. The Socialist CFDT union yesterday signed the pay settlement already signed by all the other electricity unions with the exception of the CGT.

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A West German bank clerk, Frank Förster Heinrich, aged 24, leaving a court in Penang yesterday where he faces drugs charges, which in Malaysia carry the death penalty.

Howe will put case for Rock's residents

By Andrew McEwen
Diplomatic Correspondent

Sir Geoffrey Howe, the Foreign Secretary, will today attempt to convince Spain's Foreign Minister that the path to sovereignty over Gibraltar lies through winning the confidence of the Rock's 29,000 residents.

Señor Francisco Fernández Ordóñez is to have two half-days of talks with Sir Geoffrey, hoping for implicit recognition of Spain's claim through small concessions.

Whitehall sees this as the wrong approach, because of Britain's commitment to respect the wishes of the Gibraltarians.

Sir Geoffrey will propose a joint economic committee to foster closer links. Sir Joshua Hassan, Gibraltar's Prime Minister, will be present.

Britain is ready to open direct ferry services and air links between the peninsula and the mainland, but negotiations are deadlocked over Spanish insistence that links *should be free of British* border controls.

One demand is that Spanish passengers arriving at Gibraltar's airport should be able to exit directly into Spain through a special border point. The airport lies alongside the border.

Whitehall considers that it is time Madrid responded to a gesture made by Britain in withdrawing guards from the border.

The talks are being held because Britain and Spain entered into an agreement in 1984 to hold annual Gibraltar discussions. Whitehall's expectations are low.

Spain argues that the Treaty of Utrecht, which ceded Gibraltar to Britain 274 years ago, is a humiliating anachronism.

Señor Fernández Ordóñez will also meet Mrs Thatcher.

Kohl's critics use revalued mark as campaign weapon

From Richard Owen
Bonn

As the West German election campaign entered its final two weeks yesterday and the political battle got under way in earnest, supporters of the centre-right Government of Chancellor Kohl maintained that the revaluation of the Deutschmark at the weekend demonstrated the strength of the mark and West Germany's booming economy.

But Herr Kohl's critics used the currency issue to try to dent Herr Kohl's apparently unassailable lead in the opinion polls. Even some industrialists said Bonn had made a concession to France by agreeing to a realignment of the European Monetary System (EMS) in Brussels in the early hours of yesterday morning. The result would weaken West Germany's export position and hit the interests of German farmers.

Government officials said that farmers, already hit by EEC farm quota cuts agreed in December, would be offered compensation. Herr Friedhelm Ost, the government spokesman, sought to turn the EMS crisis to advantage by commenting that a strong mark benefited all West Germans.

French officials maintain the EMS crisis was caused by the overwhelming strength of the mark, rather than by the weakness of the French franc in the wake of recent industrial unrest. M Edouard Balladur, the French Finance Minister, said at the Brussels meeting it was not the franc which was unhealthy "but the mark which is too healthy."

Herr Gerhard Stoltenberg, the West German Finance Minister, initially said Bonn would resist French pressure for a revaluation of the mark against the franc and declared there were "no good economic *reasons" for a revaluation.* He later climbed down, denying that the move would have a negative effect on German exports.

EEC officials said the EMS crisis demonstrated the vulnerability of the EMS to political factors, in this case the German election, the French strikes and Belgium's desire to distance itself from troubles in Paris. It was "bad timing" that the crisis had arisen in the run-up to the West German election on January 25, although the crisis was unlikely to have any lasting impact on the campaign.

Herr Stoltenberg changed his mind on revaluation.

The realignment, only 10 months after the last EMS shake-up, illustrates the drawback of a monetary system dominated by a single powerful European currency, officials said. It strengthens the case for the entry of sterling to balance the mark, sources suggested.

Last year West Germany had a trade surplus of DM 110 billion (£37 billion), much of it due to trade with other EEC countries, which accounts for half of Bonn's external trade.

On the eve of the EMS realignment, share prices plunged on the West German stock exchanges. Officials say the revaluation of the mark will steady the financial markets and thus benefit the Kohl Government's position. The Bundesbank, the West German central bank, has had to intervene heavily in recent weeks to prop up weaker currencies within the EMS, including the franc.

Eight EEC currencies are within the EMS, set up in 1979. The pound, the Greek drachma, the Spanish peseta and the Portuguese escudo remain outside the system.

Nakasone ends Finland visit

From Olli Kivinen, Helsinki

Mr Yasuhiro Nakasone, Japan's Prime Minister, ended an official visit to Helsinki last night as southern Finland was *still in the grip of the worst* cold spell since record keeping began early last century.

Temperatures fell to minus 35 deg.C during the weekend, breaking the previous record set during the famous winter war with Russia in 1940.

Mr Nakasone's visit was hastily arranged when Mr Mikhail Gorbachov did not visit Japan as planned. Japa*nese diplomats said neutral* Finland was chosen to balance Mr Nakasone's planned visits to three socialist countries — Poland, East Germany and Yugoslavia. He left for Berlin last night.

The visits to the small socialist coutries mark a widening in Japan's foreign policy.

Mr Nakasone had talks in Finland with President Mauno Koivisto and Mr Kalevi Sorsa, the Prime Minister. Although there are no major political problems between Finland and Japan, the talks included the imbalance in *bilateral* trade.

Before anything was known of Mr Nakasone's visit, Japan sent scientists to Finland to study how a modern industrial society can cope with low temperatures. Ironically, Mr Nakasone and the party accompanying him had first-hand experience.

Outdoor ceremonies for Mr Nakasone were curtailed as the cold rendered brass band instruments unusable.

The two-week cold spell has caused rail and air delays. Although electricity supplies have been stretched, society has functioned reasonably well, *albeit having* to cope with motoring problems and frozen pipes.

Renton bid to placate Moscow

By Andrew McEwen
Diplomatic Correspondent

Mr Timothy Renton, Minister of State at the Foreign Office, is expected to try to break down Moscow's objections to Mrs Thatcher's priorities on arms control in talks beginning today.

He arrives in Moscow two days before East-West arms control talks resume in Geneva at a time when the auguries suggest deadlock. Statements from both US and Soviet officials have shown little flexibility on either side.

Mr Renton, speaking on the BBC's *World at One* programme yesterday, said that the top item on his agenda was arms control in the light of Mrs Thatcher's meeting with President Reagan at Camp David in November.

The Prime Minister persuaded the *President* to sign a much more cautious set of priorities than Mr Reagan had been willing to accept at the Reykjavik summit. The same priorities were adopted by the North Atlantic Council in November, making them Nato policy.

Mr Renton is expected to urge his Soviet host, Mr Anatoly Kovalev, a Deputy Foreign Minister, to accept her step-by-step approach, which avoids holding progress hostage to the Star Wars issue.

Mr Renton is certain to face strong scepticism. No Western envoy has yet managed to find a chink in Mr Mikhail Gorbachov's all-or-nothing stand, which excludes any agreement unless President Reagan drops the Strategic Defence Initiative.

Although not intended to pave the way for Mrs Thatcher's Moscow visit at the end of March, Mr Renton's visit is likely to have that effect.

Mr Renton said that the Kremlin's decision to replace its Geneva arms negotiator Mr Viktor Karpov with a much more senior man showed that arms control was at the top of its agenda.

Reagan's claim on SDI ban rebutted

From Michael Binyon, Washington

As President Reagan gave final instructions to the US negotiating team at the Geneva arms talks, which resume on Thursday, an influential research group yesterday said a US-Soviet ban on Star Wars technologies could, despite claims to the contrary, be adequately verified.

In a report on the President's controversial Strategic Defence Initiative, the private group said a ban could be verified using existing techniques together with a cat scanner satellite. "Photo reconnaissance satellites, infra-red sensors, radars, telemetry collection and ground-based telescopes could detect any cheating by the Soviets in development, testing or deployment of Star Wars technologies," the group said.

Its report, released today by the Council on Economic Priorities, is the first important rebuttal of the Administration's contention that a ban on SDI, which Moscow is seeking, is impractical, as it could not be monitored.

The study proposes strengthening the 1972 Anti-Ballistic Missile Treaty to ban the development, testing and deployment of directed energy weapons (such as lasers and particle beams) and kinetic energy weapons (such as rockets and electro-magnetic rail guns) in space, on the ground or at sea.

It says a cat scanner satellite, forming computerized images from X-ray photographs, could detect any attempt to camouflage weapons mounted on satellites. It *would have to be deployed* by an international monitoring agency, because inspection of one nation's satellite by another's might be mistaken for a satellite attack.

The Council's study, however, recommends continued laboratory research into ballistic missile defence technologies. But it opposes a full-scale US-Soviet competition in outer space, and says the SDI budget could be cut by more than $25 billion in *development* costs over the next five years.

The study says an SDI deployment ban, as it proposes, would allow the Russians and Americans to make huge cuts in strategic offensive weapons on the lines discussed at Reykjavik.

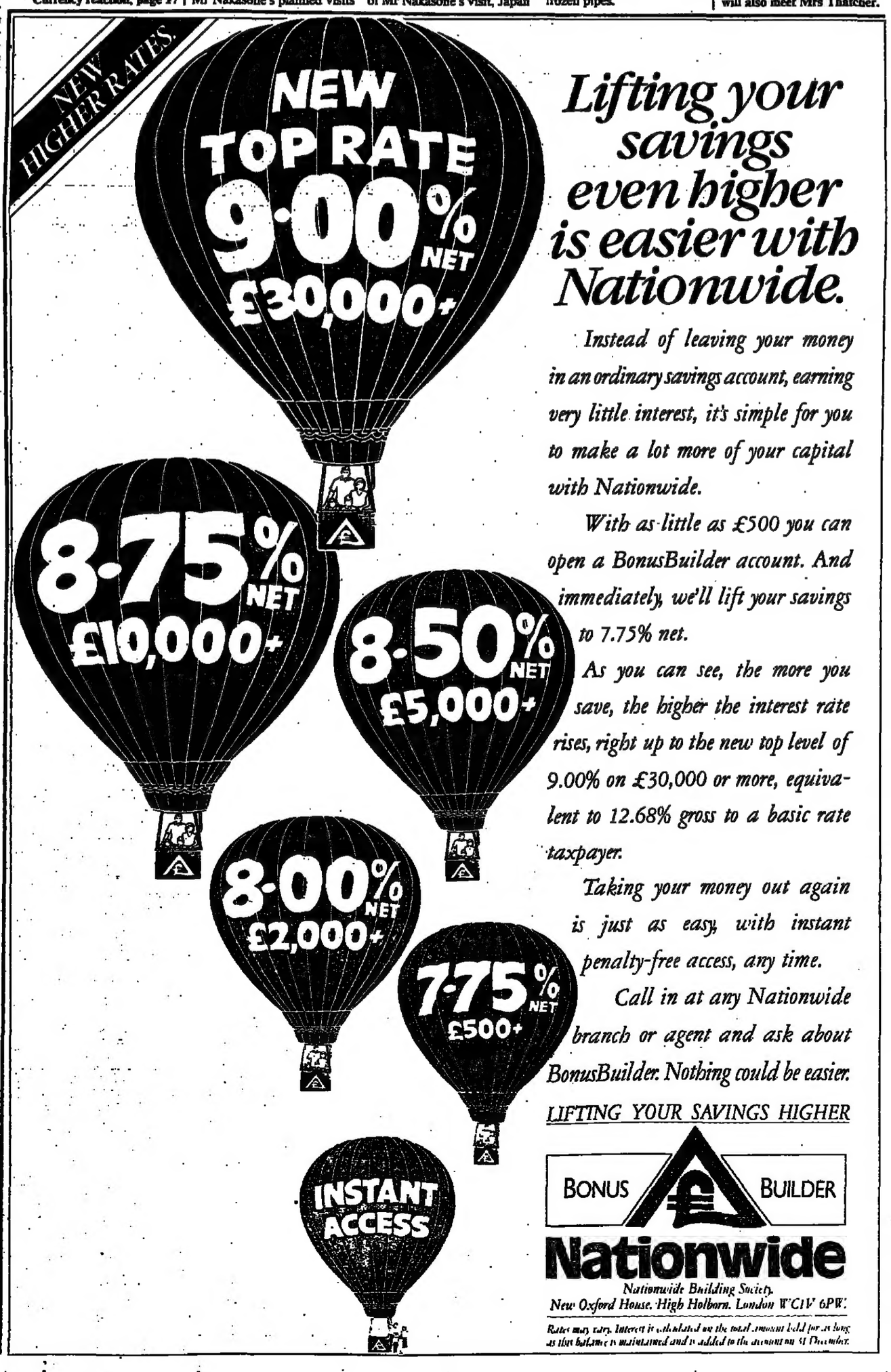
Meanwhile, the White House yesterday welcomed the appointment of Mr Yuli Vorontsov, the First Deputy Foreign Minister, to succeed Mr Viktor Karpov as the chief Soviet arms negotiator. Mr Larry Speakes, the White House spokesman, noted this was "in the interest of more active and dynamic work" at the talks, and said the US attached the "highest priority" to the negotiations.

He emphasized, however, that Mr Max Kampelman would remain the US negotiator, and said he enjoyed President Reagan's highest confidence.

The US negotiators may remove a potential obstacle at Geneva, if the Pentagon agrees to a State Department call to drop its suggested ban on long-range mobile missiles.

The State Department believes such a ban, which many say would make agreement with Moscow impossible, is also inconsistent with US plans to develop two new mobile missiles, the Midgetman and the MX. They say that continuing to propose the ban damages the Administration's credibility with Congress, which has generally supported the Midgetman.

Senior civilians in the Pentagon, however, want such a ban, noting that both the two new missiles being deployed by the Russians are mobile. The ban, which is strongly opposed by Moscow, is also seen here as a tactical counter to new Soviet demands that cruise missiles launched from bombers and submarines be banned. But Moscow has since dropped that demand.



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Peking crackdown may signal changes in government by Deng

From Robert Grieves, Peking

The ousting of a lower-echelon Chinese Communist Party propaganda official and the failure of Mr Hu Yaobang, the party's General Secretary, to meet a Japanese party leader pointed to a possible shake-up within the Government, analysts said yesterday.

Meanwhile, two academics, Mr Fang Lizhi and Mr Guan Weiyuan, have been removed from their university posts and newspapers are coming under pressure, with the pro-reform *Sociology Newspaper* becoming the first to be closed since China's national campaign against bourgeois liberalization began two weeks ago, according to an official report.

The pro-Peking *Wen Hui Bao* newspaper published in Hong Kong said that Mr Zhang Peifang, the Director of the Information Bureau of the party's propaganda department, had been dismissed from his post. He was replaced by the Deputy Director, Mr Wang Fumen.

Officials at the Japanese Embassy in Peking said that Mr Hu, the Number Two in the Government, had failed to attend a meeting with Mr Noboru Takeshita, the General Secretary of Japan's Liberal Democratic Party.

Chinese officials told the Embassy that Mr Hu was "too fatigued" to attend the meeting. Such meetings are usually routine events for the party chief in China. Moreover, Mr Hu has not been seen in public in more than a month.

Speculation has been growing that Mr Hu, who espoused a liberal approach to China's reforms, may have become a political liability to supporters of the Chinese leader, Mr Deng Xiaoping.

Some observers saw the dismissal of Mr Zhang as an effort to isolate and then remove Mr Zhu Houze, the party's propaganda chief, from his post. Mr Zhu is a protégé of Mr Hu.

"Things are moving very fast," a diplomat said yesterday, "and the situation appears to have become serious."

Mr Deng, who is said to have been angered by recent, student demonstrations, has been reported in the Chinese press to be the author of the current anti-bourgeois liberalization campaign.

"It's not the students Deng blames, but the intellectuals for having given them the wrong ideas," said the diplomat. "The same holds true for the propaganda people, who are supposed to stop that kind of thing."

Official pronouncements in the press have inveighed against the bad influence of Western ideas on university students, middle school students and government officials. A commentary published yesterday in the *Peking Daily* said that some "bourgeois liberal big shots are also party members".

The students' biggest tactical mistake in the demonstrations, observers said, appears to have been their voicing of concern over bad living conditions at the universities and their inability to secure good jobs in the broad terms of democracy and freedom.

At a party congress to be held this October, Mr Deng had been expected to step down as leader of the Government. But analysts said yesterday that he may have to stay on longer than that. "When it comes down to advancing your reform programme or maintaining stability, Chinese leaders will always opt for stability," one said.

The *Sociology Newspaper*, a small, outspoken weekly, had recently undergone a shake-up after publishing articles allegedly supportive of bourgeois liberalism.

"In order to summarize the experience and lessons of the previous period, the editorial committee of the *Sociology Newspaper* has decided to stop publication for a period of adjustment and study," said the newspaper's editorial committee in Sunday's *Wen Hui Bao*.

Informed sources said that other outspoken pro-reform newspapers in Shanghai were under similar pressure. The best-known of these is the *Shanghai World Economic Herald*.

In a related development, the New China News Agency yesterday announced the sacking of Mr Fang as vice-president of the National University of Science and Technology in Hefei, Anhui province, by the Communist Party Central Committee.

Mr Fang was said to have inspired student demonstrators to march in Shanghai and Peking.

The university's President, Mr Guan, was also reported to have been removed from his post for neglecting his duty, "with the result that the ideological and political work in the school was weakened".

● Border clash: The Chief of Staff of the People's Liberation Army repeated yesterday Peking's assertion that Vietnam's claim of victory in the recent Sino-Vietnamese border clash was "sheer boasting".

General Yang Dezhi, the PLA Chief of Staff, told Admiral Supa Gataseni, the Supreme Commander of Thailand's Armed Forces, that Vietnam has been exaggerating the number of Chinese casualties, and added: "We know the combat effectiveness of the Vietnam troops very well."

Madame Jiang Qing, the widow of Chairman Mao Tse-tung, has throat cancer and may be close to death, according to an official Chinese newspaper, *The Weekly Digest* (Reuter reports from Peking).

Madame Mao, aged 73 this year, was forced from power one month after her husband's death in September 1976 and has been in prison ever since.

Karachi hit by fresh ethnic rioting

Passers-by picking their way through debris caused by ethnic rioting in Karachi yesterday. The rioting, in which at least 24 people were injured, followed the murder of two young girls and their father.

The girls were kidnapped on Friday and their father was shot dead by the kidnappers when he tried to resist (Zahid Hussain writes).

Police said the girls' mutilated bodies were found in bushes in a graveyard 20 miles from Karachi. A post mortem examination indicated that they had been raped and tortured.

In the protests that followed many vehicles were set on fire. Police used tear gas and were also reported to have opened fire near Sohrab Goth, the scene of last month's ethnic riots between Pathans and Urdu-speaking Mohajirs.

Violence continued yesterday in the city.

The rioting was reported to have spread to the Sarjani town area, where Pathans and Afghans removed from the Sohrab Goth area by the authorities last month have been resettled.

● ISLAMABAD: A mob of several thousand people, led by Islamic zealots, burnt down the offices and press of Peshawar's English-language daily, the *Frontier Post*, yesterday for publishing a photograph of Adam and Eve (Hasan Akhtar writes).

Cultivating the 'Flower of the Desert'

British Jews try to halt drift of people from the Negev

From Ian Murray, Dimona

They like to call this sun-baked, concrete town which the Jews of Britain have just agreed to cultivate, the "Flower of the Desert".

It is a very young town compared to its nearest neighbour, the ghost city of Mamshit founded by the Nabataeans in the first century AD. But still, without care this new "development town" is in danger of falling into ruin itself before long, with its streets and squares once more the grazing grounds of the Beduin tribes who tend their sheep and goats on the flat desert plain stretching from Beersheba to the Dead Sea.

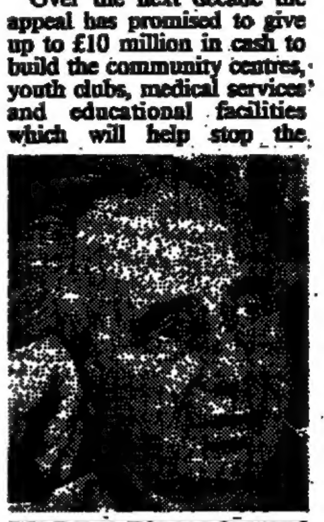
It was Mr Shimon Peres, the former Israeli Prime Minister and now Foreign Minister, who asked the British to "adopt" the town during his visit to London nearly a year ago. Mr Peres, trying to follow in the footsteps of his mentor, Mr David Ben-Gurion, is today's great advocate of developing the Negev Desert and Dimona is its most typical settlement.

When it was founded in the mid-1950s, Mr Peres said, the town was "watered mostly by tears because there was hardly any rain". Today it has water, piped all the way from the Sea of Galilee. It has trees, a few flowers and 800 empty flats.

The spirit that made it grow from nothing to 29,000 people, however, is drying up. There are 27,000 inhabitants, nearly half of them under the age of 18 and nearly 10 per cent of them out of work.

Theirs is the challenge taken up by the British Joint Israel Appeal.

Over the next decade the appeal has promised to give up to £10 million in cash to build the community centres, youth clubs, medical services and educational facilities which will help stop the



Mr Peres: Dimona 'watered mostly by tears ...'

youngsters, now drifting away like the desert sands.

One project is for a cricket pitch.

Some 60 per cent of Dimona's population comes from North Africa. Another 15 per cent are Jews from India. These communities both field cricket teams and, according to Mr Eli Allali, the young Tunisian-born mayor. "With 5,000 people running round the pitch when they play a game at the moment a good ground will keep them happy".

Dimona's problems are typical of those of the Negev, where Israel's founding fathers decided to send many of the Sephardic immigrants arriving in the country's early days — presumably because it was thought that they knew best how to live in the heat.

But the tiny concrete flats were not proper homes for a community used to building large families and living a shared communal life. The modern box flats were inadequate, the children found little to do after school and few interesting jobs when they left.

The main employers remain the Dead Sea Potash Works — a name, which for many, sums up the job — a textile factory and, a few miles out of town, the nuclear research laboratory where Mr Mordechai Vanunu learnt what are supposed to be the secrets of Israel's nuclear arsenal, which he disclosed to *The Sunday Times*.

Mr Allali believes Dimona and the Negev settlements should drop their official title of "development towns" because they are not developing at all.

The mayor is obviously delighted with the new British interest, which is being orchestrated by Mr Geoffrey Ognall, a Glaswegian Jew who runs a large debt collecting service in Britain and who has learnt in Ashkelon that urban problems, whatever the climate, are international. The work of the British Joint Israel Appeal in Ashkelon was so successful that a visit to the town was a must for Mrs Thatcher when she toured Israel last May.

Chissano shuffles Maputo Cabinet

Maputo (Reuter) — President Chissano of Mozambique, who succeeded President Samora Machel, has made his first Cabinet changes.

The new Foreign Minister is the former Health Minister, Mr Pascoal Mocumbi, while a Politburo member, Major-General Mariano Matsinhe, was appointed Security Minister to replace Mr Sérgio Vieira, who becomes director of Frelimo's central ideological school.

Lieutenant-General Armando Guebuza, a Politburo member and former Interior Minister, was named as Minister of Transport and Communications.

Athens signs F 16 deal

Athens — Greece has signed a long-delayed agreement with the US defence contractor, General Dynamics, for the purchase of 40 F 16 fighters, the first to be delivered in January 1989 (A Correspondent writes).

The deal, worth $940 million (£635 million), was stalled after concern over military technology sales to Greece and was further delayed when Athens was unhappy with parts of the deal.

Kountché back

Abidjan (AP) — President Kountché of Niger returned to Niamey after treatment in Paris for a mild stroke, Niger radio said.

Hydrants froze

Warsaw (AP) — Service at Warsaw's Gdanski Railway station was back to normal after a fire destroyed an annexe, newspapers reported. Firemen had been hampered by frozen hydrants.

Prices up

Budapest (AP) — Coffee prices have gone up in Hungary by 18 per cent, restaurant and canteen meals by between 4 and 10 per cent, and freight charges by 10 per cent, the MTI news agency reported.

Bodies remain

San Juan (AP) — The bodies of four women remain unidentified after the New Year's Eve fire at the Dupont Plaza Hotel in Puerto Rico which killed 98 people.

Open arms

St Petersburg, Florida (AP) — An 81-year-old Belgian woman, who helped save the lives of more than 100 Allied soldiers during the Second World War, has been given special permission to live with her daughter in Florida as long as she wishes.

Baby worry

Belgrade (Reuter) — More than one in 83 of the babies born in Belgrade die in the first week of life, mainly due to poor hospital hygiene and maternal care, the newspaper *Politika* said.

Rice deficient

Dhaka (Reuter) — Vitamin A deficiency caused by over-dependence on rice blinds nearly 20,000 children a year in Bangladesh.

Holes filled

Dar es Salaam (Reuter) — President Mwinyi of Tanzania, taking the lead in a campaign to clean up the capital, donned gumboots and began filling in potholes on the main road to the north.

'Glasnost' reaches beyond the grave

From Christopher Walker Moscow

As part of the widespread process of "de-Brezhnevization" now under way in the Soviet Union, Moscow's Novodevichy cemetery — one of the most historic and evocative in the world — is soon to be re-opened to the public, after being closed on Kremlin orders to all but the relatives of those buried there since the mid-1970s.

The walled graveyard, the most prestigious burial spot in the country after the Kremlin, was closed, ostensibly for repairs, on the orders of the late Leonid Brezhnev, angered by crowds gathering regularly at the grave of the former Soviet leader, Nikita Khrushchev, who was overthrown in 1964 by opponents of his reform programme.

Since Mr Mikhail Gorbachov came to power in May 1985, leading Soviet intellectuals have mounted a powerful press campaign to secure the reopening of the site in the shadow of the gold-domed, 16th-century Novodevichy Convent, which houses the graves of some of the most famous names in both pre-revolutionary and post-revolutionary Russia.

Last week the final shot was fired by the author, Mr Yury Nagibin, who complained in the paper *Sovietskaya Kultura* that "Muscovites have long been concerned about why the Novodevichy cemetery is closed to the public . . . This is the only closed cemetery in the world."

On Saturday *Trud*, the official trade union paper, announced that it would re-open to all later this year.

The decision is certain to be welcomed by Western tourists and scholars, as well as by a broad spectrum of the Soviet public. The cemetery's massive iron gates and high brick wall came to be regarded by many outsiders as symbolizing the obsessive secrecy of Soviet society.

In addition to Khrushchev, whose grave is dominated by a bronze statue of his famous, bald, peasant's head, other Communist politicians buried there include Anastas Mikoyan, the great Bolshevik survivor, and the most recently interred, Vyacheslav Molotov, the former ally of Stalin who died last November aged 96 and was buried without any high-ranking presence. Reporters were kept out of the closed cemetery by a permanent guard of militiamen.

These few outsiders who have managed to get in say that its terrain under stately pines tells its own vivid story of Russian histroy. Mr Molotov's grave lies next to that of his wife, sent to a labour camp

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by Stalin, and close to that of Nadezhda Alliluyeva, the dictator's beautiful young wife who committed suicide in 1932. It is inscribed simply with the dedication "J.V. Stalin."

Among the towering figures from Russia's rich cultural past buried in the slightly shabby plot are Anton Chekhov, whose grave is still meticulously tended by his admirers; Nikolai Gogol, whose grave has a gold-lettered inscription and appreciation of his work from Stalin's government in 1951; and the composer, Dimitri Shostakovich.

The cemetery was also the last resting place for Soviet cosmonauts who died in accidents, and famous doctors, scientists, explorers and generals. Along one wall is is a modernistic representation of an airship, with portraits of all those who perished in its destruction below.

The decision from the Kremlin was welcomed on Sunday by Western diplomats. One said that as well as being a further example of *glasnost*, or openness, it could also be seen as part of Mr Gorbachov's determined drive to win the backing of the Soviet intelligentsia for his far-reaching programme of social, economic and cultural reform.

The announcement of the re-opening followed strong criticism of many aspects of the Brezhnev era contained last month in a formal assessment of his period in power made by *Pravda*, the official Communist Party paper.

Adviser to help Waldheim's image

From Richard Bassett, Vienna

In a move widely seen as an attempt to brush up his image abroad, Dr Kurt Waldheim, Austria's President, has appointed Herr Georg Hennig as special adviser for "international questions".

Since his election last summer as President after a campaign overshadowed by allegations that he was a war criminal, Dr Waldheim has become increasingly isolated.

Before Christmas, when foreign ministers of the North Atlantic Treaty Organization and Warsaw Pact arrived in Vienna for the Conference on Security and Co-operation in Europe, only the Swiss out of the Western ministers present paid a formal visit on Dr Waldheim.

Visits to America and Britain, where his wartime activities are still under investigation, are out of the question. Reports of an invitation to visit Japan in one Viennese conservative daily brought angry denials from Tokyo.

Not that Dr Waldheim's isolation is less marked at home. Characteristically, Austrian diplomats are playing safe and not hanging their first citizen's portrait in their offices. The Austrian eagle is the only picture to adorn an Austrian consulate's walls these days.

Herr Hennig, a former ambassador to Tokyo who worked for Dr Waldheim at the United Nations, will attempt to remedy this. But he will have to work quickly. Dr Waldheim wanted the presidency as a means of playing an international role. He is now a diplomatic leper.

His few public appearances in Austria show him to be a shadow of the man he was last summer, and as a celebrity to open charitable functions his predecessor, Dr Rudolf Kirchschläger, remains the most sought-after choice.

ENTERTAINMENTS

CONCERTS

BARBICAN HALL 628 8795/638 8891. No Perfs Today. Tomor 1.00 International Lunchtime Concert. [illegible] Sinfonietta. Tomor 7.45 English Chamber Orchestra.

OPERA & BALLET

COLISEUM S 836 3161 CC 240 5258 ENGLISH NATIONAL OPERA Ton't 7.00 Carmen. Tomor 7.00 The Queen of Spades.

ROYAL FESTIVAL HALL 928 3191 CC 928 8800. Until Sat. Eves 7.30, Sat Mat 3pm. LONDON FESTIVAL BALLET THE NUTCRACKER Ton't 7.30: Mulligan/ Gee/ James/ Onzia/ Johnson/ Supervia/ Lies

ROYAL OPERA HOUSE 240 1066/ 1911. Stdby Info 836 6903. S CC. Tickets £2-£40 (Opera). 65 amphi seats avail on the day. Ton't 7.30 THE ROYAL OPERA Otello. (Please note later starting time - perf ends approx 10.15) Tomor 7.30 Lucia di Lammermoor.

SADLER'S WELLS 278 8916. First Call CC 24hr 7 day 240 7200 Until Sat. Eves 7.30. Sat Mat 2.30 40th Anniversary Season SADLER'S WELLS ROYAL BALLET Ton't, Tomor & Sat: COPPELIA. Thurs & Fri: ONE BY NINE/ PETER AND THE WOLF/ CHECKMATE/ ALLEGRI DIVERSI. From 20 Jan - 14 Feb: The Voyage of the Dawn Treader

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THE ARTS

Dig for justice

Dr Clyde Snow, a crumpled, dowdy American forensic scientist, was the unlikely hero of *Horizon: The Search for the Disappeared* (BBC2). Ten years after the Argentinian junta sent out their security forces to round up and dispose of 10,000 or so people who were a possible inconvenience to the state, and dumped their bodies in random graves, Dr Snow has, with painstaking care, been digging them up again. In a meticulous quest for justice, he has been investigating skeletons, analysing skull injuries, identifying fragmentary human remains and presenting the results to the Argentinian courts.

This compelling documentary gripped you with an icy hand, and led you into regions of calculated inhumanity which were almost unbearable. In commentary – done by the ever-restrained Paul Vaughan – and in content, it seemed determined not to sensationalize, to sentimentalize or even to dwell on the grief of those who had lost relatives. The prevailing impression of those who talked of their loss was of their bravery in wishing to know what had happened.

TELEVISION

Dr Snow operated with coolness and candour, contrasting his eccentric murder investigations in the USA with these murders, "planned and executed by a bunch of rational men in $500 suits". Part of the programme's fascination was technical, with the dating techniques applied to teeth and hip-bones (BBC2's *Indefible Evidence*, which starts on Friday, may have a similar appeal), but in the end the documentary was an extraordinary testimony to Argentina's will to recapture its self-respect, and gave a glimmer of hope that, even after such a terror, the world can slowly be pieced back together again.

For the second of its surveys of "The State of the Nation", *World in Action* (Granada) found a star: a walking, talking, Thatcherite robot who has tumbled to the fact that "if one conforms to society one will find life a lot easier". He works for Barclaycard in Northampton, where everyone works hard and plays squash and gets a cheap mortgage and has a wonderfully satisfying life. (Until the machine stops.) By contrast, the city bigbanger who just wanted a house with "a few acres at the back for us to enjoy" seemed positively human, while the portrait of the Coventry family split up by unemployment – one daughter making it in the States, one unemployed here – was marred only by the programme's predictably schematic need to suggest that the couple here had no future.

William Holmes

Emotion depicted in mastery

GALLERIES

Frank Auerbach
Marlborough Fine Art

Commercial Art by Peter Blake
Watermans Art Centre

Derek Hyatt
Gillian Jason

New Year Selection
Leinster Fine Art

Despite his triumph in winning the major prize at the Venice Biennale last year, Frank Auerbach remains as retiring, elusive and uncompromising as ever. He has become a commanding figure in the British art world today without ever doing anything to bring this about except to go on rigorously painting in his own way, at his own speed, without any apparent concern over whether the public likes his work and finds it approachable. But obviously by now public taste has caught up with him, and his show of recent work at Marlborough Fine Art until February 20 is likely to be received with a general understanding and appreciation which would have been unthinkable a few years ago.

Auerbach is not, in fact, inherently a difficult painter at all. His subject-matter is confined to landscapes – usually of a small area of London round his Primrose Hill studio – and portraits, generally reduced to a bare head and shoulders against a neutral background. His manner of approach to both these classes of subject can best be described as Expressionistic: he tends to paint the emotions inspired in him by what he sees rather than the objects themselves. Moreover, his technique often seems to approach that of the American Abstract Expressionists sometimes known as "action painters": pigment is applied in great thick spurts apparently straight from the tube (though not with such physical weight nowadays as during the Seventies), and the impression given is one of great speed and immediacy.

For all that, Auerbach is actually a very painstaking painter and draughtsman: his method of producing the large portrait drawings which also figure in this show is by an endless process of drawing from the life each day and rubbing out each night, so that the final image is built up by degrees on top of the accumulated palimpsests of its predecessors. There is evidently something obsessive in all this, for who is to say (not even, possibly, the artist) that the sixty-seventh image is necessarily "better" than the forty-eighth? And undoubtedly, even now that we are used to it, Auerbach's world is not a very comfortable one to be in: though the landscapes sometimes allow brilliant colour, the portraits are almost always dark-toned and tormented.

But recognizable and acute for all that. In the present show there is a series of "J.Y.M." which ring the changes with astonishing ease and invention on the single basic image of a head held proudly high, a level and unyielding gaze. One feels one knows the person even if not too sure of the detailed physiognomy. Likewise the portraits of David Landau and of Julia: they all look close to, like swirling, indecipherable blotches of paint, but when one steps back a few paces they come into focus as portraits of specific individuals, sharply characterized for all their superficial similarity.

If any shadow of a doubt hangs over Auerbach's future, it would be that he seems to have been cultivating this particular small plot for a very long time without much noticeable change or development. But then when are we ever satisfied? We criticize inconsistency as much as consistency, and it seems unreasonable to castigate an artist for continuing to do what he does with such undeniable skill and conviction. In Auerbach's case the worldly success has been long in coming, and now that it has arrived we can hardly ask better for him than that he be left alone to enjoy it in his own way.

Sharp characterization out of the swirl and the blotch: Auerbach's *Head of Julia II* (1985)

Peter Blake, though a close contemporary of Auerbach (who was born one year earlier, in 1931), could hardly be temperamentally or stylistically more different. Where Auerbach is reclusive, Blake is outgoing; where Auerbach stays in his own narrow furrow, Blake scatters his talents as widely as possible; as happy to work for the mass media as to pursue his own private vision in paintings meant only for the few. The current exhibition at the Watermans Arts Centre in Brentford (until Sunday) is devoted to his most commercial pieces, the main criterion for admission being that the artwork was in some way commissioned – even if, as in the very earliest pieces on show, only by being done at the requirement of a teacher at school or art college.

The immediate impression given is one of great ebullience and a generously inclusive temperament. In true Pop Art fashion, Blake does not hesitate to appropriate and reuse images from newspaper photographs, Victorian greetings cards, fan pictures of film and sports stars, and anything else that happens to catch his fancy. Though the exhibits come right up to date, the tone is nearly always redolent of the Swinging Sixties, psychedelic colours, gleeful eclecticism and all. Icons of popular culture these posters, magazine illustrations, T-shirts, book-covers and such certainly are, and, if the final effect is primarily nostalgic, at least it is a reasonably healthy sort of nostalgia, titillating the memory but inspiring very little desire to return.

Those with longish memories may recall the name of Derek Hyatt as briefly a member (one of the most modest members) of the Waddington stable in the mid-Seventies, or, further back and more appropriately, a regular exhibitor at the New Art Centre. The show of his landscapes at the Gillian Jason Gallery in Camden Town until January 24, the first of a series to be held in association with Austin Desmond, one of the more enterprising just-out-of-town dealers, catches us up very happily with what he has been doing since 1979: like his exact contemporary Auerbach (yet how unlike), he has been pursuing his own line, oblivious of changing fashions, both when they would have driven him out of sight and now, when they would bring him back to sympathetic attention again.

His landscapes are all small and delicate. Some of them, in their technique of painting over visible pencil lines so that now you see them, now you don't, are faintly reminiscent of early Ben Nicholson. Elsewhere, the fascination with the gentle curves of the English landscape and the delight in moonlight call Paul Nash to mind. But, if these are influences, they are perfectly absorbed into a style which belongs to Hyatt and nobody else. One can see all too many far more pretentious shows around London, but this one would be difficult to match for the sheer pleasure it conveys in the act of painting, and gently compels the spectator to share.

At Leinster Fine Art in Clifford Street there survives the holiday season an unusually interesting New Year Selection of gallery artists (until January 31). Some of its assets, like the prints by Leonard Baskin, will be familiar, some much less so. In particular I was impressed by a group of drawings by Franek Boczarski, a 40-year-old Edinburgh-born artist previously unknown to me. It seems that in the past he has been primarily a sculptor, and occasional arts administrator, but these black-and-white works are not at all what one would think of as sculptor's drawings. They evince a powerful, rather gloomy and thoroughly painterly sensibility. We are not told what the "programme" of a piece such as *Warrior I*, with its slumped, heavily bandaged figure sitting alone, might be, but then we do not need any gloss to appreciate the intensity of Boczarski's vision or his command of the means to realize it in significant line and equally significant space.

John Russell Taylor

Join the dance

CONCERTS

Matrix/Ziegler
Almeida

I am not sure why the word "matrix" should commend itself to performers of contemporary music, but until recently Alan Hacker led a group with this name, and now it has been assumed by an ensemble formed by the American conductor Robert Ziegler.

Perhaps this time it should be taken to imply the mixture as before, since the 17 players fielded at Sunday's début concert were mostly familiar from such groups as Lontano or Endymion. But Mr Ziegler promises a different and rather spectacular future, with "an artistic policy that emphasizes the integration of theatre, dance and the visual arts into contemporary concert life". We must wait and see.

Meanwhile we could have done with some integration of dance into the opening account of a suite from Hindemith's *Der Dämon*, one of his early theatre pieces. Scored for a mixed ensemble thuddingly dominated by piano plus string textures, the music suggests Schoenberg treading water in a Chinese restaurant; or at least here it did. Maybe it would work on its original terms as an oriental danced fable. Maybe it just has to sound that way. But it was not an auspicious opener for a new ensemble.

The rest of the programme included a brave assault on Mark-Anthony Turnage's tricky, knife-sharp *After Dark*, with David Cox bravest as the horn soloist, and then American music: *Appalachian Spring* and Carl Ruggles's little song cycle *Vox clamans in deserto*. This, apparently, had not been given in a concert in Britain before, and one sees why: it is a short gathering of scraps from a composer who really needs the big ranges of instruments for his melodies. Nevertheless, Sue Bickley maintained a suitable calm and quiet ecstasy within the more clamorous orchestral wilderness.

Paul Griffiths

Amoroso
Purcell Room

The members of the chamber group Amoroso are musicians who occupy first-desk positions in one of the London orchestras (the London Philharmonic, as it happens, though it could just as well be any other). And, just as one would expect, their performances here were perfectly reliable, if slightly marred occasionally by roughness of timbre or questionable intonation from the string players. But what one missed in their readings of a Divertimento for oboe and string quartet by Crusell and the Mozart Clarinet Quintet were exactly the same things often denied one at orchestral concerts in London: an enlivening spark of spontaneity and a touch of polish.

The polish would come, of course, from more time spent practising together, presumably not possible if these players are to continue their busy orchestral careers. But spontaneity is more easily achieved. Here for most of the time the players were rigidly attentive to the printed page before them, their expressions duly impassive, particularly in the Mozart. Surely in chamber music it is helpful to cast the odd glance in the direction of one's fellow players to reinforce particular interpretative points or sudden, unforseen insights.

Nevertheless, the clarinettist Robert Hill made a beautifully creamy sound in the Mozart, phrasing the slow movement with abundant grace and taking the Menuetto at a teasingly slowish pace, though I fancy we lost too many of its repeats. And, for the Crusell, Amoroso were blessed with the formidable abilities of the oboist Gordon Hunt, who treated this fascinating and inventive early romantic piece quite rightly as a miniature concerto of refined virtuosity.

These works formed the outer layers of a sandwich whose Hungarian filling consisted of Kodaly's Serenade for two violins (Jacqueline Hartley and Catherine Thompson) and viola (Rusen Günes) and a dozen pieces from Bartók's collection of violin duos. The Kodaly, in which a degree of roughness is probably a good thing, was given a flavoursome reading, and neither was there much wrong with the Bartók, teaching material as fit for the concert platform as it is for the classroom.

Stephen Pettitt

Warsaw Sinfonia
Barbican

For British music-lovers the story of the Warsaw Sinfonia's birth, told by Hilary Finch on this page last week, has ironic overtones. Warsaw, against long odds, strives to create a new orchestra; London's arts mandarins sometimes give the impression that they are conspiring to put players out of work.

The orchestra's sound also contrasts with the British chamber-orchestra norm. There is a typically East European emphasis on strong-toned and highly accomplished string players, and a recessing of wind sound to a point where the counterpoints in the outer movements of Mozart's "Jupiter" Symphony and the brass lines at the climax of Wagner's *Siegfried Idyll* were almost inaudible.

In both of these pieces a strong current of passion was more evident than rigorous ensemble discipline. For Mozart, Sir Yehudi Menuhin chose brisk speeds that were inclined to race on still further, but the fiddles seemed to thrive on such impulsiveness. Their articulation of the finale, in particular, was flamboyant and exciting.

One wished that the choice of programme had been equally flamboyant. The performance of Bach's A minor Violin Concerto, with Menuhin as soloist, could not really be said to show Polish music-making at its most lustrous. But there was one interesting Polish piece: the Concerto for String Orchestra written in 1948 by Grazyna Bacewicz. Rather more extrovert in gesture than Tippett's early string music, but not dissimilar in texture and in the relentlessly busy rhythmic life of its outer movements, the concerto impressed most with its sure and often swift sweep of multi-divided textures, often pitted against modal-tinged solo lines. The neo-classical idiom benefited from highly flexible pacing here; some natural-sounding rubatos achieved by the Poles in the slow middle movement suggested long familiarity.

Richard Morrison

Novel tricks with old forms

DANCE

Three disparate dance productions I watched at the weekend had one thing in common: all involved trying to use old forms in a new way.

The most unusual was a concert at the Bloomsbury Theatre by Suraya Hilal and the Layali El-Sharq Ensemble of musicians. What they offer is traditional Egyptian dance, which we generally see only in its cabaret version as "belly dancing". But Hilal goes back to the real thing, handed down within families from mother to daughter, and treats it as genuine art.

The first half of her programme offers both classical and folk forms; after the interval she presents new dances based on the same techniques. I am not sure what to admire more: the amazing physical prowess that enables her to isolate individual parts of the body and use them separately or in opposition, or her beautifully responsive mutual relationship with the musicians. There is another performance on January 25.

Berto Pasuka, 40 years ago, similarly tried to use Caribbean and African forms as the basis for dance dramas for his Ballets Nègres. Stephen Dworkin's film *Ballet Black* (produced and distributed by the Arts Council) tries to give an idea of the result from reminiscences by former members of the company, fragments re-created for young dancers, old still photographs and one brief *Pathé Pictorial* clip of the real thing in rehearsal. The result is restless, muddled and unsatisfying, but because Pasuka's was the first mainly black dance company in Britain its historic interest will presumably find an audience. ICA, Saturday and Sunday lunchtimes until March 1.

The source of Capriol Suite, given by Sadler's Wells Royal Ballet at the Wells, is dances from Arbeau's textbook *Orchésographie* (1858). Peter Warlock's score and Frederick Ashton's choreography adapt this material brilliantly: no textbook mustiness, but humour, vigour and feeling. This is Ashton's oldest surviving complete work and each entry distills enough imagination to furnish a whole ballet; he repeatedly developed themes from it later. It comes up marvellously fresh, Margaret Barbieri's serenity and the liveliness of Sandra Madgwick notable among a splendid cast.

If Gilbert and Sullivan count as a traditional British art form, Pineapple Poll, on the same programme, is another example of the transforming process. Charles Mackerras's score and John Cranko's choreography are unfailingly witty and lively. The best of the present casts is led by Madgwick, combining a tomboy robustness with soft subtlety as Poll, and Stephen Wicks, a gloriously eccentric Captain Belaye, fierce and funny.

John Percival

Dee Conway

Margaret Barbieri serene and lively in *Capriol Suite* at Sadler's Wells

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THEATRE

Les Brumes de Manchester
Marigny, Paris

"Je vois une maison, des suspects, l'Angleterre, la pluie . . ." That, so French theatrical legend has it, is the staccato scenario the director Robert Hossein fired at the novelist Frédéric Dard, with the hope of putting the creator of the suave sleuth San-Antonio on the scent of a new whodunit for the Parisian stage. Within a few weeks Dard had not only written *Les Brumes des Manchester*, but Hossein had the play in rehearsal. The upshot is an entertaining pastiche of vintage Agatha Christie spiced with spoof Tom Stoppard *à la Inspector Hound*.

Friends for over 30 years, Dard and Hossein take obvious delight in working hand-in-glove to unravel the cleverly convoluted plot. Together, they breathe larger-than-life personalities into the 11 beautifully bizarre characters. They surreptitiously scatter a sterling silver ice bucket full of red herrings around Pierre Simonini's opulently mahoganized Victorian design. The action however is set in the cloche-hatted Twenties.

Concealed in the off-stage Mancunian mists of the title, William Collins, a young man of good family, is stabbed to death in the Gents' at Manchester's main railway staion. His nearest and dearest are melodramatic with chagrin until the urbane Inspector Byrne (Pierre Le Rumour) begins to uncover the truth of this scandalous affair. The victim was, in reality, an absolute dastard and the entire Collins household – including Sam, the Black and White Minstralized butler (Cheik Doukure) – had good reason to want to see him on the sharp end of an ice-pick.

Georges Marchal is suitably sinister as the crippled father, who arrives on stage via a magnificently baroque invalid lift, but is well able to take the stairs two at a time when he thinks no one is looking. The black heart of his second wife beats to the professional precision bestowed on it by Françoise Brion, whose cool is barely ruffled by the compromising discovery of one of her ear-rings in the dead man's bed. This clue leads unerringly to the deduction that the nocturnal visits to her stepson's room were to tuck them both up for the night.

Straight out of a Fellini film is Eric Averlant's interpretation of the monstrous younger son. A bloated adult squeezed into a short-trousered sailor-suit, he silently pervades the action with well-measured doses of malformed malevolence. Without going completely over the top, Dard and Hossein fill out these main presences with a galaxy of equally suspect characters.

For a number of years Hossein has regularly dominated the Parisian stage with his epic treatment of works like Hugo's *Les Misérables* (on which the London show was based) and Shakespeare's *Julius Caesar*. These productions, although they displease the culture snobs, are nevertheless able to fill the Palais des Sports stadium night after night. Within the relative confines of the distinguished Théâtre Marigny, Hossein confines this Cecil B. De Mille streak to the lighting and sound-effects.

Dard's previous work for the stage was eight years ago with *Le Cauchemar de Bella Maningham*. But his typewriter has not been silent. His novels now top the 200 mark, 138 of them signed San-Antonio. Despite the sleuth's universal success he sees a detective novel once it has been read as an "empty vessel". Every now and again he says he longs to create something "full". It was at one of these moments that Hossein arrived on the scene and *Les Brumes* was born.

Diane Hill

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Queuing up for the retail revolution

Britain is about to enter a new era in shopping. Developers are battling to build five mega-centres next to the M25 and the leader in the race is Lakeside in Essex, where a public inquiry opens today. Meanwhile MetroCentre, a huge drive-in centre on Tyneside, is already open and showing the way. Terence Bendixson reports

Alan Glenwright

Thinking big: John Hall (left), the man behind Tyneside's MetroCentre — "I have tried to bring the outdoors indoors". Above, Peter, Lesley and Karin Hills put his claim to the test

Shoppers who today go into town to buy clothes or shoes or jewellery are about to change their ways. Lured by convenience and lower prices, they will soon be on their way out of town to a new generation of huge shopping and leisure centres.

The revolution has already started on Tyneside where the MetroCentre, Britain's first, full-blooded, out-of-town high street, is open. It consists of 7,600 free parking spaces surrounding 140 shops, including a Marks & Spencer bigger than either of the company's Oxford Street stores, and a stylish House of Fraser department store that is full of designer clothes.

The first two stages of the MetroCentre were opened by Nicholas Ridley, Secretary of State for the Environment, last October. This year a 10-screen cinema and an indoor fun palace will be added to the attractions.

This year will also see the opening of Britain's second giant, regional shopping centre at Rotherham. It will draw in shoppers from Sheffield, Doncaster and Barnsley.

The man behind the MetroCentre is John Hall, a charismatic Geordie whose father was a miner and who, himself, started down the pits as a mining surveyor.

"I was in the right place at the right time," Hall says. "Today we are seeing fundamental changes in society. People are buying different goods from those they used to and they are buying them in a different way.

"They do it now by motor car and the city centre does not cater for the motor car. There isn't the space."

Hall is passionately committed to the revival of Tyneside's economy and the self-esteem of Geordies. He sees the MetroCentre, which has erased 115 acres of industrial dereliction and attracted the investment of £250 million as a key part of this revival.

"We have done £70 million's worth of construction work here in 20 months. That is faster than the Americans build," Hall says. He is equally proud that Marks & Spencer, who are employing 600 people, took on more than 275 people who did not have a job when they were recruited. But most of all he is proud to be offering the 1.3 million residents of Tyneside a new experience ahead of everyone else in Britain.

"The MetroCentre is not just about shopping. It is about how people spend their leisure time. What I have tried to do is bring the outdoors indoors, to create the sort of atmosphere you get in a square in a town in Portugal.

"If you go into the Eldon Square shopping centre [in Newcastle] there is hardly anywhere to sit down. Here you can sit in the garden court, you can stroll, you can have something to eat — I see food as part of leisure — and later this year we will be opening a spectacular entertainment centre for all the family."

This part of the MetroCentre, which is costing £60 million, will include a multi-screen cinema, worlds of fantasy based on castles, rides and computers and a palm court where a dozen caterers will offer dishes reflecting the cooking of different European and Asian countries.Entertainers and bands will add stars and sparkle to the funfair and keep the MetroCentre alive in the evenings when the shops will stay open until 8pm.

Hall took an option on the site of the MetroCentre in 1980 when it was still a lunar landscape covered with power station ash. It took him four years of cajoling to get the retailers to back him. "It all came together in 1984. By then the site was in an Enterprize Zone. That year the Department of Transport agreed to build an access road [for £1.75 million], Carrefour signed up for a hypermarket and Marks & Spencer decided for the first time to go out of town," Hall says.

On first sight the MetroCentre is a shock. It is huge — 600 yards of dark red brick buildings topped by glass pyramids and picked out here and there by the illuminated names of well-known high street shops.

Inside is a lofty, skylit mall in which shoppers can stroll and sit. There are trees, pavement cafés and hand-barrows where latterday Eliza Doolittles sell fudge, toffee apples and fruit juice.

What John Hall sees as part of the economic renaissance of Tyneside others forecast will turn the centres of Newcastle and Gateshead into deserts of decay. Already Clayton Street is said to show signs of death. Once a respectable part of Newcastle's shopping centre, it is now an array of cut-price cigarette outlets and gambling parlours, swept by the smell of stale frying oil.

Dr Russell Schiller, head of research at estate agents Hillier Parker, confirms that an overall loss in trade in old city centres is likely to follow the opening of out-of-town shops. But drawing on the American experience, he says that big cities and places of architectural and historic distinction will suffer least while drab city centres may face severe collapse.

This bodes well for Newcastle, with its distinguished Grainger and Dobson classical facades, but ill for Gateshead, which only students of the brutalist concrete architecture of the 1960s would regard as worth a detour.

John Hall does not seek to hide the impact of what he is doing. "City centre retailing will never be the same again. The decision of Marks & Spencer to move some of its activities out of town is historic. The secondary shopping streets in Newcastle are in decline and nothing will stop it. I would accelerate the process and create enterprise zones in inner cities".

Mr Nicholas Ridley, the Environment Secretary, agrees with him. He is intent on "reviving cities as places where people want to live." And he is going to set up more Urban Development Corporations to do it. The conversion of former shops into flats seems likely to follow. It is beginning to happen in Newcastle, in Clayton Street.

METRO SHOPPING

- MetroCentre is the biggest drive-in shopping centre (115 acres) in Britain — twice the size of London's Brent Cross. It has:
- 140 shops (1.8 million square feet of buildings)
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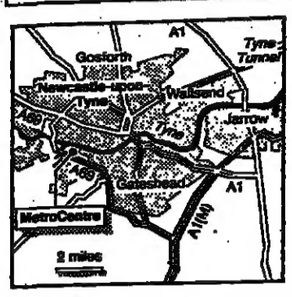

'I like it. I'm coming back'

Eleven o'clock on Saturday morning: the Hills family is ready to go to Tyneside's MetroCentre for the first time. Peter (director of the transport operations research group at Newcastle University) approaches the centre from the countryside, a tactic aimed at outflanking shoppers coming out from Gateshead and Newcastle.

As it turns out, there are no queues at the turnoff from the A69. It is the 6,000 parking places surrounding the shops that are jammed.

After hunting fruitlessly for a slot near Carrefour, Peter ("they need information systems to tell you where empty spaces are") drops wife Lesley and daughter Karin and parks 600 yards away, close to Marks & Spencer.

He then heads back through the lofty, skylit mall, and finds Lesley and Karin pushing a trolley. Lesley says that some of the grocery prices are lower than in her Gosforth supermarket, but mostly because of twinpacking.

At the checkout Peter offers to push the trolley across the car park while Lesley and Karin explore the other shops.

They meet later for sandwiches and salads at the Circle Restaurant, a temple of silver and white 1986 retailing design surrounded by Miss Selfridge, Wallis, Dolcis and other shops in the Sears group.

Karin pops over to have a consultation at Hairworks. Then, after lingering over cups of coffee refilled by waitresses as carefully groomed as their surroundings, the family returns by way of M & S.

Looking over her shoulder at the centre Karin says: "I like it. I'm coming back.

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RING ROAD TO RICHES FOR THE WASTE LAND ENTREPRENEURS

London's M25 motorway is the ideal location for out-of-town shopping centres. It promises access for millions living in suburban London and the adjacent Home Counties. Five M25-based schemes have already been announced (see map).

Dr Russell Schiller, head of research at Hillier Parker, the estate agents, believes there is scope in Britain for "a maximum of around 35 to 40 full-sized regional shopping centres" and that of these one third will be in and around London.

So far none of the London schemes has received planning permission. All will require the blessing of the Secretary of State for the Environment and several have been "called in" for his decision. The developer who gets his permission and lines up shops like Harrods and Aspreys will change for ever the way people live and shop in the metropolis.

Mr Nicholas Ridley, the Environment Secretary, does not believe he can arrest this revolution. "It is a bigger force than I. It is a mistake to say that I must stop it or that it can be stopped. Examples from all over the world show that it can't. It can be accelerated by traffic congestion. It can be slowed down by improving traffic flow but I don't think it can be stopped with the powers that government has," he said in an interview.

He is scathing about the ways in which local authorities in historic towns have tried to accommodate cars. Of Cheltenham, just outside his Cirencester and Tewkesbury constituency, he says: "I never go there. It is intolerable. It is an absolute jungle. It is impossible to find your way around. It is impossible to park. The traffic circulation is a disaster. It is a city that has been ruined by traffic engineers making appalling mistakes."

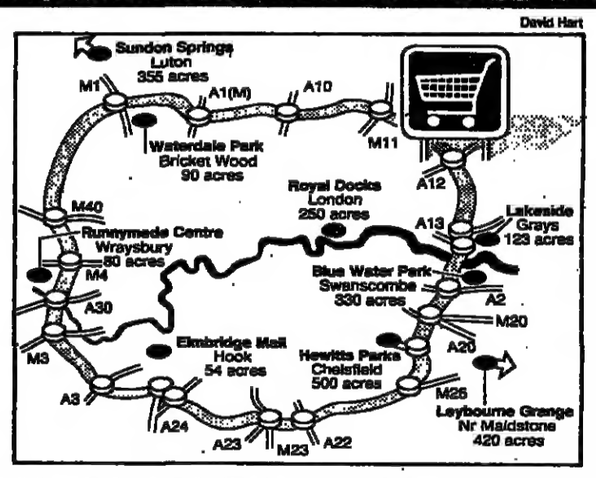
Mr Ridley does, however, have powers to stop shopping centres from being built on England's green and pleasant land and for steering them on to sites once occupied by satanic mills — and he proposes to use them.

He says that if a centre was proposed on "some old sidings on the edge of an industrial town it would be very hard to find any reason against it. It is a good use of land to put a derelict site back into proper use."

But what if the development was in a green belt? "If it was I would be very conscious of it. I would be almost bound to follow green belt policy," he says.

For developers the message is clear. Follow the example of Mr John Hall on Tyneside. Seek out the waste lands and the retailing revolution will go ahead.

David Hart



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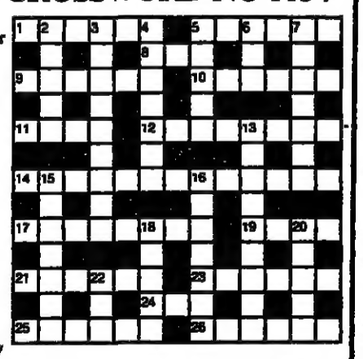

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This week two groups of artistic youngsters will make their London debuts — after a little help

Stairway to stardom

At the age of 77 most of us expect to be more than a decade into an idle retirement. But not Joan White.

After almost 60 years of a distinguished career on the stage, she is not content just to take occasional parts in television series and commercials, but has started a venture to help struggling newcomers to her profession. The result promises to be some very watchable drama and an intriguing glimpse of some stars of tomorrow.

The Next Stage Company aims to provide young actors, and actresses just out of drama school, with a leg up the ladder.For many, without any reputation or contacts, the only alternative can be years on the dole or working in hamburger bars.

Guiding light: Joan White and her cast of young hopefuls

Says Joan White: "As an out-of-work actor you could practise your craft at rehearsals at the Actors' Centre and so on, but what you have to have if you're an actor is an *audience*." Joan's idea is to put on live productions which will act as a showcase where talent scouts and agents can see drama school graduates. After three weeks of intensive rehearsals on a modest budget, Noel Coward's *This Happy Breed* opens tomorrow at St Augustine's Church Hall in South Kensington.

As well as directing the play herself, Joan has done all the organizing, casting, fund-raising, and publicity. She has also attracted an impressive array of support.

The Associates' Committee of RADA, a group of distinguished graduates, has given the venture its backing; such names as Mike Leigh, Valerie Hobson and Joan's former pupil Sylvia Sims are involved, and Kensington borough council has provided a small grant. Noel Coward's former manager, Francis Howard, now 80, will be taking the money at the door.The vicar of St Augustine's, Kenneth Hewitt, has given Joan a lot of encouragement and has let her use the hall free.

The greater part of Joan White's career has been spent in the much more elaborate surroundings of "big time" theatre.She moved to Canada in 1956 and later to the United States, sometimes directing, sometimes managing theatres, and in between playing countless parts such as Mrs Higgins in the nationwide tour of *My Fair Lady*. She has now settled back in London and only a few weeks ago appeared in Dennis Potter's much-acclaimed television series *The Singing Detective*.

Joan's cast are bubbling with enthusiasm for the project. With luck there will be plenty more opportunity for actors to learn from her if Next Stage expands, as she hopes it will, to four productions a year. This is dependent on finding more money and volunteer support.

Rory Johnston

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This Happy Breed plays at St Augustine's Hall, Queen's Gate, SW7 from January 14 to 16 at 8pm, and at St Mary Newington, Kennington Park Road, SE11, on January 17 at 7.30.

Mr John Lebor

In the article on Brent council which appeared on December 15, it was suggested that Brent was used as a "test-bed for 'entryism' in 1967 when John Lebor . . . was elected to the council, of which he became leader". We now recognize that there is no truth in the suggestion that Mr Lebor was an "entryist" when he joined the Labour Party in 1962, and accept that he deplores the recent activities of elements of the Labour Party in Brent, and indeed has been one of the most outspoken critics of these activities.

Sound of success at job centre

Flautist Martin Feinstein told the man in the job centre: "I would like to create a classical music quartet. And I would like some help, please."

The outcome of this novel approach to the Manpower Services Commission last summer may be viewed tonight, when the Feinstein Quartet makes its London concert debut in the Purcell Room at the South Bank Centre.

Feinstein, a graduate of the Royal College of Music, recalls that the initial response to his request was one of scepticism, bordering on incredulity. "They said right away they didn't think it was a viable business proposition. I suppose they were more used to people starting cement factories or things like that, and regarded artists as frivolous."

However, his credentials were impressive — a pupil of Karlheinz Zoeller; solo flautist of the Berlin Philharmonic; and he had been playing regularly with the Tibor Varga Chamber Orchestra and the Hamburg Symphony.

"In Germany, there was lots of money around and people said I was crazy to return to Britain, because there was no work here. But I was homesick, so I thought I'd come back and try something new."

Feinstein's initiative was duly rewarded with £40 a week and financial advice from the commission's enterprise allowance scheme; a £1,200 loan from a sympathetic bank manager, and 1,100 second-class stamps from the Post Office to distribute publicity.

Within a few weeks, he had recruited a Scottish pianist, who was playing recitals in a London hotel; a percussionist, who began her career with a brass band in her native Yorkshire; and a professor of double bass at the Royal College of Music.

Hitting the right note: flautist Martin Feinstein

"I think it's a unique classical formation," Feinstein says. "Our aim is to concentrate on 20th century music, basically classical but with with a jazz orientation."

Extra financial help came indirectly from Greater London Arts, which provided £1,200 for the quartet to commission a work by the composer Edward Shipley. The piece, *Cabaret*, receives its first performance tonight.

Financial security remains *moderato*, however. An amount almost equal to the bank loan has been required to stage the London debut, and Feinstein estimates that a full house will be necessary to break even. The other members of the quartet have agreed to play the concert without payment, in the hope that favourable reviews will attract further bookings and ultimately an equal share of the profits. The quartet has so far received five firm bookings.

Rehearsals have been taking place in the ground-floor music room of pianist Nigel Hutchison's flat in north London, with dubious accompaniement by British Rail, as the building is on a main line from Euston station to the north.

Martin Feinstein, son of the poet and novelist, Elaine Feinstein, is unperturbed: "We're really very lucky to have a place big enough to get together. You hardly notice the trains after a while."

Hutchison, who studied at the Juillard School in New York, has given recitals in several European countries, and recorded chamber music for BBC Radio Scotland and Radio Vaticano in Rome.

Percussionist Rachel Gledhill is continuing her studies at the Royal College of Music, and playing with various youth orchestras, while Michael Brittain has been combining his academic career in double bass with free-lance engagements with all the major London orchestras.

The quartet has received five firm bookings so far, and is hoping success on the South Bank will attract regional engagements. Feinstein says their artistic innovation has been only marginally constrained by their sponsor — a standard condition of the enterprise scheme is that they do not pose naked. Fortunately, they prefer to perform in concert dress.

Gavin Bell

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FASHION by Suzy Menkes

Weaned from jeans

Is there life after blue jeans? An entire generation has been weaned on denim, brought up on casual clothes and lives in trousers. Yet the fashion trade is now pinning its hems and its hopes on the skirt.

A variety show of different lengths and widths will be opening across town after the sales. Already the puffballs of fabric and the short mini crinolines are luring women away from pants and, after a decade of androgyny, trousers for women are slipping out of high style.

But are we ready for the revolution? An older generation — of both sexes — never quite came to terms with casual dressing and has made fashion anarchy more orderly with artfully matched separates. Now anyone born in the 1960s is being asked to do the reverse: to believe in tailored suits and lady-like outfits instead of blue jeans and black leather jackets.

Dressing up is hard to do and we need a halfway stage between the easy jeans and sweats and the more demanding clothes, as well as clothes for the cusp of winter and spring.

The jeans people, who still preside over a mighty empire, have come up with black denim. This month Levis start a TV campaign to persuade us to get in the black, and other casualwear companies are promoting any colour denim — as long as it is not blue.

There is inky-black black or anthracite grey; Whistles shops have an even more sophisticated bitter chocolate; Katharine Hamnett, high priestess of youth style, is backing denim in sugar pink, pearl grey and bleached white.

The best of the denim — and especially the black — comes as flirty skirts and fitted jackets that go with graphic cotton knits for spring and with woollies while winter lasts. Miss Selfridge, the Next Too branches and the sharper high street shops all have the new looks. Skirts are mostly frilled and tiered rather than puffed, with the short skinny tubes outnumbering longer swirls and circles of fabric.

The layers of leggings and ski pants under oversize tops are being ousted by more shapely outfits worn with opaque woolly tights now and bare legs when we dare.

Other transitional clothes follow the same pattern of new shapes in familiar fabrics. The cotton jersey stretch materials that have dominated the 1980s are now being made into more grown-up clothes, such as prim dresses that shadow the line of the body.

Wool, cotton and man-made jerseys also take the strain off wearing tighter and more fitted clothes. The stretchy tube skirt is a wearable alternative to leggings and ski pants, and a tunic top or elongated cardigan to an oversize sweater.

Clothes for the young seem to be characterized by a streetwise decadence with a predatory sexuality that mother wouldn't like, or by the olde worlde innocence of Laura Ashley. Between those two extremes are sporty separates in bright colours, following Benetton's lead.

The madcap skirts offer a genuine alternative. The bubble gathered on to a band of knit at waist and knees, or the denim ruffled from the hips in mock flamenco style, are fresh and fun. They can give a much-needed fillip to a drooping winter wardrobe when spring still seems so very far behind.

Top: Black and white gingham cowgirl skirt £19.99; black denim fitted jacket £27.99; both from Miss Selfridge, Duke Street, W1 and branches. Coppery bracelet £6.99 from Flash Trash, 269 Regent Street, W1. Suede sling-back wedgies £39.99 from Hobbs, South Molton Street, W1 and branches

Above: Soft cotton tan-coloured shirt with black hieroglyphic print £27.99 from Warehouse, 19 Argyll Street, W1 and branches. Flirty skirt in three tiers of cotton jersey by Monix, £24.95 from Fenwicks, New Bond Street, W1 and Brent Cross

Right: Black denim ruffled Carmencita skirt £16.99, chambray cowgirl shirt £22.99, both from Miss Selfridge. White cotton polo-neck sleeveless top £24.99 from Hobbs. Black rubber brooch £9.99, silver medallion earrings £14.99, both from Flash Trash. Black shoes with studs by Miss Maud from Rayne, Old Bond Street and branches

Far right: Chocolate brown cotton jersey dress with cream flower pattern, £39.99 from Next branches. Tortoiseshell hoop earrings £8.99 from Miss Selfridge, London branches only

Make-up by Daniel Sandler. Hair by Debbie Horgan at the Daniel Galvin Colour Salon. Photographs by TONY McGEE

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PEOPLE

Hi-tech closures?

The rising sun of Japanese fashion design seems to be sinking in the West of London. After less than a year's trading, cult Japanese fashion shop Comme des Garçons for men is closing down. Fashion entrepreneur **Peder Bertelson** opened Comme's minimalist boutique last year, in the upcoming Brompton Cross area, along with a hi-tech emporium, by architect **Norman Foster**, for **Katharine Hamnett**.

Fashion king **Joseph Ettedgui** is also turning his back on the Japanese: his Sloane Street shop devoted to **Yohji Yamamoto** is also closing — to be made over by the ubiquitous Norman Foster for the dynamic Californian company **Esprit**.

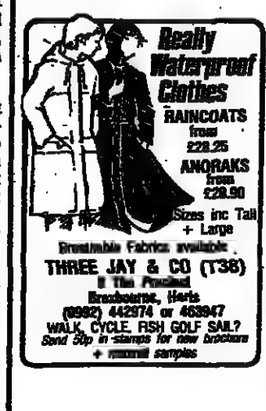
Comme's **Rei Kawakubo**, who launched Gruyère cheese sweaters and asymmetric oddities on an unsuspecting fashion world six years ago, was first introduced to London by **Joan Burstein** of Browns, who has now gleefully taken the menswear collection back.

Japanese are unbendingly purist about their clothes. In New York, Rei bought back her Comme SoHo shop to do it her way. Yohji, who turned down the offer of his friend Josepli to open a smaller shop, is currently planning his own London store.

● **I was surprised to hear that Richard Chamberlain was getting into a Mississipi swamp for London's orginal fashion shop *Workers for Freedom*. It turns out to be the painter, not the actor, who is working on the Mississipi mural for *Workers'* N.Y. shop opening within Bergdorf's next month, with Tatum O'Neal and Cher at the opening bash and *Interview* magazine spreading the word.**

● **The news of Bruce Oldfield's literary promise, reported on this page last week, seems to have reached the book world even before Bruce's fashion bible hits the stores this spring. I hear that Bruce, known for his generous support for the Barnardo's homes which brought him up, has joined the judging panel of the Whitbread Book of the Year.**

Any doubts that Bruce might be more familiar with the printed word in *Vogue* than with the writing offered up for the £18,000 award, are silenced by the literary range of his fellow panellists who include that political animal **Ken Livingstone** and the Archbishop of Canterbury, **Dr Robert Runcie**.



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Another apple cart

Central Television, responsible for *Spitting Image*'s controversial puppet of the Queen Mother, risks courting the charge of *lèse-majesté* once again. I understand that amid some secrecy the company is planning a situation comedy about the hectic life of a private secretary to an unspecified member of the Royal Family. The project, still in its early stages, is the brainwave of two advertising executives and will feature Joanna Lumley in a lead, though not royal, role. A pilot could be aired as early as April. Ms Lumley assures me the programme will be made with the sensitivity due the subject. Though Conservative MP Winston Churchill yesterday called the project "tasteless and boring", Buckingham Palace seems relaxed enough about the prospect. The Queen's press secretary, Michael Shea, told me: "There are amusing incidents here, all right — none of which I could talk to you about." Whatever can he be thinking of?

American Hero

Oliver North, President Reagan's former national security aide, is quickly being woven into the rich tapestry of Republican history. At a conference held in London at the weekend by the right-wing group Western Goals UK, Tryggvi McDonald — whose congressman father Larry was on board the Korean airliner shot down by the Russians — gave his own verdict on Irangate. "History will show that Oliver North and J. Gordon Liddy were American patriots," he said. Liddy, of course, was the mastermind who went to gaol for the Watergate break-in.

Fine fellers?

Tree fellers carrying out the Department of Environment's dubious work cutting down Hampton Court's old lime trees appear to be ignoring safety guidelines. The Department of Environment says that park keeper George Cooke has warned the men about not wearing specially reinforced trousers, gloves and boots when chain-sawing the 130 trees in the Great Fountain Garden. The contractors' managing director, Michael Dalrymple, admitted yesterday that his men did not always use all the safety clothing provided. Actor Marius Goring, chairman of the local residents association, said meanwhile that the felling was as ludicrously unnecessary as the commissioning of reproduction furniture for Chiswick House, revealed here yesterday. The trees are being chopped not because they are unsafe but because, according to environment minister William Waldegrave, their "ragged" appearance is spoiling the appearance of the formal garden.

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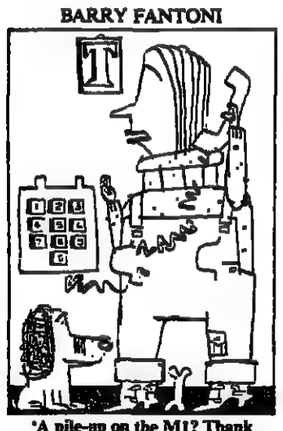

'A pile-up on the M1? Thank heavens — I thought you'd driven into a nuclear convoy'

Beducation

The latest foray into the education debate comes from a highly unusual source: the bedmakers, Dunlopillo. The company has commissioned a Gallup poll which shows that 80 per cent of teachers are concerned about the amount of sleep their pupils receive. This is attributed mainly to late nights and too much television — not areas on which a bedmaker can easily cash in, you might think. But Dunlopillo has managed the feat. "Parents can help their kids get a good night's sleep by giving a little thought to their children's sleep needs," says marketing manager Malcolm Newlyn. "Never give your children your old bed when you buy a new one."

● **On the menu at Molnar's Hungarian restaurant in Hampstead: "Today's Special — Egg on Ronay".**

All gas . . .

With pensioners reluctant in this bitter weather to switch on their electric fires, one might have thought that agencies dealing with old people would welcome offers of help. Not a bit of it. Olga Calnan of north London wanted to donate a spare Calorgas heater with a full spare cylinder to an old person and set off for the Camden social services department. "It's quite a good offer, really," she was told, "but we can't collect it." Miss Calnan explained that she had no transport. "Then we can't help you," came the reply. Undeterred, she turned to Age Concern, who told her that because gas heaters are expensive, only blow heaters are given out. Miss Calnan is sure that somebody would love to have the heater, but doesn't know where to turn next.

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To float — or row together?

After the weekend upheaval, Rodney Lord weighs EMS drawbacks and advantages

Full membership of the European Monetary System, like hereditary peerages or Sunday trading, has become an article of faith. You are either for it or against it. For EMS enthusiasts the last seven days have been a bad time.

The sight of Jacques Chirac and the West Germans entering a public shouting match, spending billions of dollars of their reserves and then being forced to underwrite speculators' profits by agreeing to revalue the Deutschmark is not a good advertisement for currency stability. At times like these Britain and other countries which learnt the disadvantages of fixed parities so painfully in the late 1960s and early 1970s are reminded why it was they floated their currencies in the first place.

Mrs Thatcher will have noted that for the German government the currency crisis has struck at the least convenient moment. With an election less than a fortnight away, the chancellor, Helmut Kohl, has been very anxious not to impose a further competitive handicap on German industry by revaluing. Not only has he failed to prevent this but he has lost to the French in a highly public argument about whether the mark should be revalued or the franc devalued.

The idea that being inside a system of fixed parities will help to protect currencies *vis-a-vis* one another has also received a knock. For this was a crisis provoked by dollar weakness as much as by weakness in the franc. It is true that the sight of strike-bound railways and the French government capitulating to the students has dented the firm image which Chirac would like to project. But the franc had already slipped a long way against the mark as people fled the dollar and found a new home in the German currency. While the dollar was strong between 1983 and mid-1985 the EMS was relatively stable.

Being inside a D-mark currency bloc like the EMS does not of itself solve any of the problems of economic management. France, not being an oil producer, has not seen as big a fall in the franc during the past nine months as Britain has in sterling. But yesterday's rate against the mark after the weekend realignment and the previous realignment last spring was still 7½ per cent lower than the average level for last March — quite enough to raise concern about the possible consequences for inflation. As pressure developed last week, France, Belgium and Denmark were all forced to raise their interest rates, some more than once, just as Nigel Lawson was obliged to raise base rates in Britain in October during the last bout of sterling weakness.

The weekend events have shown again what being part of a D-mark bloc means. The Germans could have chosen to relieve the upward pressure on the mark by cutting their interest rates as the US, and more recently France and other countries, have urged them. By relaxing monetary conditions a little they would have reduced capital inflows and stimulated their own rate of growth, helping to right the enormous trade imbalance with the US and some of the EMS countries.

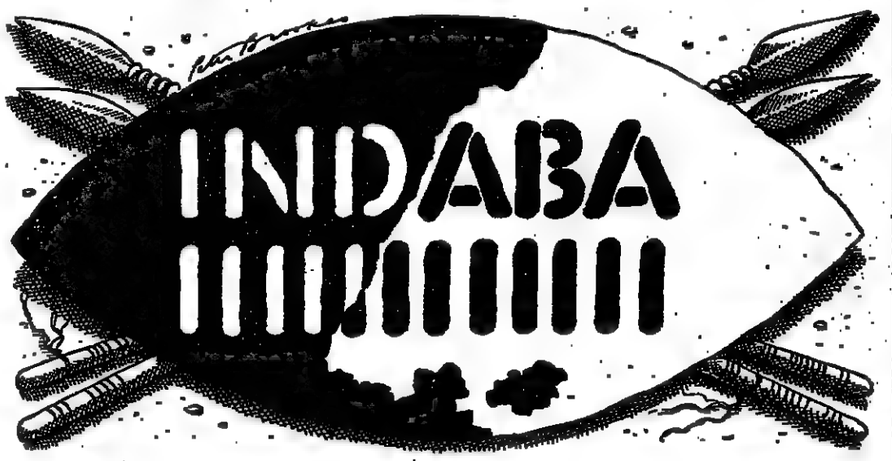
Instead they chose the "sound money" option of keeping real interest rates relatively high to squeeze what they regard as excessive growth in the money supply. Far from taking the opportunity to indulge in some pre-election pump-priming, there is no chance of a cut until after the election. Living inside the EMS with German instincts like these does not look like fun.

On the other hand to say that full EMS membership is not a soft option does not mean that it is undesirable. Markets like it just because it imposes discipline. City salesmen selling British securities abroad are invariably asked: when is Britain going to join the EMS? Membership does not mean that every member country achieves German-style inflation; but it does give member currencies a bit more short-term protection from fluctuations and it constitutes a clear statement about a country's economic aspirations.

Clarity is the main argument in favour of membership. In principle a country should set its own economic and monetary objectives tailored to its own balance of political conditions and stage of economic development. Simply to link one's economic management to someone else's is clearly second best. But the fact is that setting out and interpreting clear monetary objectives has proved very difficult. Most commentators (though not all) would agree that the present growth in the money supply above the government's target does not of itself indicate that monetary conditions are too loose. But if it does not indicate that what use is it?

EMS membership is best seen not as a touchstone of faith but more sceptically as a second best which, on balance, is better than the alternatives.

George Brock assesses the effect of the Natal indaba on the South African election



A black-white plan that leaves Botha exposed

Johannesburg

The election which President Botha will formally announce at the end of this month will be strange even by South African standards. The first since the creation of the tri-racial, "reformed" parliament, it will nonetheless be for whites only. It will be the first election to be held since the imposition of an indefinite state of emergency and, because of new curbs on the press, opposition voices on both left and right will be muffled, perhaps muzzled. The election will also be Botha's last — he was 71 last weekend.

It is against the background of this election, which will provide a test of the mood of white South Africans, that defenders of the agreement reached at the eight-month Kwazulu-Natal "indaba" will today present their plans to the government. The indaba (Zulu for a tribal assembly) gathered together an unusually wide range of local political, business and cultural organizations to construct a plan for multi-racial government. They agreed an outline which was an ingenious combination of one-man one-vote majority rule with cast-iron protection for minorities. Two days after the proposals were put last December, Stoffel Botha, Minister for Home Affairs and leader of the governing National Party in Natal, rejected them as unacceptable.

Since then the government has kept its peace, save for saying — through Denis Worrall, its London ambassador — that the matter is not, in fact, closed. Chris Heunis, Minister for Constitutional Development and Planning and a leading candidate to succeed Botha, may not take matters much further today. He is likely to ask for more time to consider the details; no real response can be expected until after the election, which will probably be in May.

Meanwhile the indaba ideas will colour the election campaign since the opposition Progressive Federal Party has adopted them as a plank in its campaign. The "Natal Option" has also reverberated widely outside South Africa. It has been commended by George Shultz, the US Secretary of State, who is beginning to warm up America's relations with the banned African National Congress. In its recent policy statement marking its 75th anniversary, the ANC went out of its way to warn blacks and whites that the proposals were a snare and a delusion.

The indaba scheme has been described as a model for the future of the whole of South Africa. But the odds against it being implemented in Natal — let alone in the country as a whole — are formidable, as obstacles confront it on all sides.

The indaba is essentially the brainchild of Chief Gatsha Buthelezi, chief minister of the Kwazulu homeland and leader of the Zulu Inkatha movement, and his local white allies. Over several years, Buthelezi has brought together black and white representatives in Natal, originally on the Buthelezi Commission, then in negotiations between the Kwazulu government and the provincial administration, and finally at the indaba.

This rapprochement, unusual for South Africa, was assisted by the fact that Natal is different from the other three provinces in two crucial respects. Its black population (particularly outside Durban) is dominated by one tribe, the Zulus; and its white population is dominated by English-speakers and not Afrikaners. The National Party holds a lower proportion of the seats there than in any other province. After the election they may be in a minority.

The applicability of the indaba proposals outside Natal has to be judged against these unique factors. As it is, the indaba faces opposition even to local implementation on two fronts. First from the government, which may not necessarily dismiss the proposals out of hand but at the very least will attempt to amend them. The prospect of hiving off Natal to become an internationally acceptable autonomous province at no real political loss to the National Party must hold some attractions for a government which still betrays signs of wanting to be able to show the world progress towards stability and harmony.

But the indaba agreed a Bill of Rights which would render every racially-based law (such as the Group Areas Act) unconstitutional and would also dismantle most of the unaccountable security powers which Pretoria has built up to suppress black resistance. It remains highly improbable that this government could tolerate such a precedent.

From the radical side, the indaba faces the hostility of the ANC's legal shadow, the United Democratic Front (UDF), whose base of support lies among Natal's Indian and Xhosa minorities. There is a long-standing enmity between Inkatha and the ANC, fuelled by a steady stream of allegations and counter-charges of political violence. The UDF did not join the indaba; some of the opposition simply reflects UDF resentment of the fact that Buthelezi has broken its national pattern of support.

But there is also a large difference between political aims. The ANC/UDF campaigns for one-man one-vote: no more, no less. Its commitments to multiparty democracy — even in the expanded form issued by the ANC in Lusaka last week — are too heavily qualified to be reassuring. Hence the stress laid by the indaba proposals on protection for minorities. Any progress made by the indaba with the help of the government will be dismissed by the ANC as collaboration.

The indaba's greatest influence is likely to be on the balance of power in black nationalist politics. It is already clear that large sums of corporate money are available to promote the indaba ideas, possibly in an opinion referendum throughout Natal. The organizers are asking the government to hold an official referendum but the request seems unlikely to be granted unless the government is confident of defeating the ideas. The sum of money offered reflects the fact that the corporations faced with pressures to disinvest would mostly like to stay — to continue taking advantage of South Africa's economic benefits of cheap labour and advanced infrastructure.

At some unknown future date, the leading black nationalist group (the ANC) is going to have to negotiate with Buthelezi. Buthelezi's power is strong and cohesive locally, but weak across the rest of the country. If, with the relative harmony of the indaba negotiations behind him, he can hold out to white-managed companies the prospect of a Natal which might be a more congenial place than the rest of South Africa under majority rule, then he will hold a powerful bargaining card. It would not allow him to dominate the ANC; but it would help prevent the ANC from dominating him.

At present, however, it is the white Nationalist government in Pretoria with which the indaba must deal.

"You might ask," said Professor Desmond Clarence, the indaba's chairman, "how I can be so naive as to think that a government which has sat on Group Areas Act reform for two years and now shelved it will suddenly up and say OK to the indaba? To this incisive rhetorical question Professor Clarence himself has, so far, no answer.

Beating a path to Freeport Stanley

As George Younger, the Defence Secretary, makes his first trip to the Falklands, Robert Miller suggests a novel answer to the islands' problems

The Falkland islanders have many excellent qualities but, even according to their great defender, Lord Shackleton, entrepreneurship is not one of them. They should perhaps not be castigated for this. But if they are really determined to protect their way of life over the long term, they may have to do something about it. So should the British government, whose present policies, far from encouraging such a spirit, have had the reverse effect, based as they are on the largely discredited practice of providing subsidies and "advice".

The current series of development grants, totalling £31 million over five to six years, is unlikely to be extended. Unless they can produce permanent new businesses which are not dependent on subsidies, the islands will again go into economic decline, totally reliant on the price of wool.

So, among the future policy options in Younger's briefcase there ought to be one which builds upon the example of other isolated but successful communities. There is no reason why principles which have worked well in Hong Kong and Singapore should not be used to some advantage in the South Atlantic, even though the Falkland islands are remote and the population far smaller.

To work effectively in the special conditions of the South Atlantic, however, a zero tax regime and free port system would require certain preliminary steps. It might surprise and even alarm British ministers to learn that the first step has already been taken with the imposition of an exclusive fishing zone and a system of fishing licenses. Spain and Poland have already applied for licenses.

Such a fisheries zone, if sensibly administered, could provide a revenue of up to £7 million a year, giving the Falklands government the approximate equivalent of its current expenditure. That would enable it to carry out the bold experiment of abolishing all forms of taxation.

Personal income tax in the islands is already relatively low by British standards, but corporations are subject to a 50 per cent profits tax after allowing for the "tax holidays" permitted for newly established businesses. A zero tax regime for companies and individuals alike would make the Falklands unique and difficult for any other country to emulate. It would tempt investors and new residents and compensate for the high cost of transport.

Such measures would require the Falklands Legislative Council to introduce tax haven and banking secrecy laws, modelled perhaps on those of the Cayman Islands. While there is no guarantee that the brass plates of banks and insurance companies would proliferate in Port Stanley to the same extent as in George Town or St Helier, no harm can come from providing the necessary conditions. At one time a financial services industry in the sleepy islands of the Caribbean must have seemed equally fanciful.

In addition, the Falklands could receive free port status on the lines of Hong Kong, making them attractive as a processing centre and even as an entrepot for Africa and Latin America.

An additional possibility would be to make the Falklands a "flags of convenience" centre. There is already great competition for ship registration, with many owners transferring the registration of their vessels to low-tax areas like Kerguelen and Spitzbergen, itself neither convenient nor balmy. Owners can then sidestep union rules and employ seamen where they can be found most cheaply. Thus registration in Kerguelen allows a French shipowner to employ a 75 per cent non-French crew. The Falklands could be equally competitive.

These policies would not necessarily provide jobs in great numbers for the Falklanders. But it is not jobs as such which they are seeking — there is in fact almost no unemployment in the islands — but the relatively small amount of revenue that will enable them to continue their traditional way of life. That amount of revenue might well be provided by nameplates, company registrations and increased trade — all in ways which cannot be now predicted.

All that we can expect is the unexpected. Governments, as Mrs Thatcher has preached nearer to home, cannot guarantee success, but they can provide the framework for people to succeed. If the rapid development of the Falkland Islands is to be a genuine priority, the government should cease to depend upon policies which have been discredited in Britain. What is good enough for Britain is surely good enough for the Falklands.

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John Rae

The credit side of restraint

Twenty years after the permissive Sixties there are votes in morality. There is nothing surprising or sinister about that. The debate about discipline and permissiveness may be confused but the anxieties are real. All the more so because the Established church has abandoned any serious attempt to address questions of personal morality. Party managers rush in where clerics fear to tread.

British politicians sound uneasy with the concept of morality. We should be thankful for that. The last politicians who spoke of morality with absolute conviction were Robespierre and St Just. If the Tory spokesmen at last year's party conference used the word more frequently than they would have liked, it was because they had been provoked at short notice by Kinnock's claim to speak for the moral majority, whoever they may be. But it was the Tory party chairman who first made morality a potential election issue when he called last year for a return to Victorian values.

Claiming to be the party of morality can be a dangerous political strategy, as Robespierre and St Just discovered. In the contemporary political context the danger is that an attack on the permissive society may have ramifications that the politicians did not anticipate.

What exactly are the evils of permissiveness that a return to Victorian values is expected to eradicate?

The origins of the permissive society lie not in the 1960s but in Bloomsbury's élitist hedonism half a century earlier. When the members of the Bloomsbury Group rejected Victorian morality, particularly as it applied to sex, they adopted attitudes and ways of living that will sound all too familiar as they are described by the American scholar, Gertrude Himmelfarb: "The elevation of self and the denigration of society, the emphasis on immediate gratification, all contributed to the narcissism and egoism, the perversity and promiscuity . . ."

What happened in the 1960s was that the way of life of a privileged, intellectual élite was made available to everybody. Life, liberty and immediate gratification was everyone's inalienable right. Perversity and promiscuity were democratized.

It has taken two decades for the consequences of Bloomsbury to cause us concern and our anxiety has been intensified by the arrival of Aids. We are looking for scapegoats.

The rising crime rate is blamed on liberals who advocated the abolition of capital punishment; violence and bad language are blamed on television; hooliganism in the street and on the terraces is blamed on the lack of discipline in schools.

The villains are identified as indulgent parents, trendy teachers and clerics. Liberal academics in particular are accused of betraying their trust by turning a blind eye to or positively encouraging the self-indulgence of the young.

It is this Victorian emphasis on postponing the gratification of desire that the permissive society has undermined. Instant gratification is what we have to expect. Why put off tomorrow what we can enjoy today?

The Victorians would be shocked by our lack of sexual restraint, but they would be equally shocked by our rejection of thrift in financial matters. They would see self-indulgent behaviour and easy credit as two aspects of the same permissive value system.

This is the connection that the chairman of the Conservative Party appears not to have made. His reluctance to recognize the hidden cause of permissiveness is understandable. It was the present government that encouraged the credit society to develop as a way of stimulating demand without increasing inflation. The financial consequences are familiar: we owe £27,000 million for our consumer purchases and have to use twice as much of our disposable income to meet credit commitments than we did ten years ago.

The moral consequences are less clearly understood. Critics of easy credit point to the doubtful morality of encouraging individuals to run up debts they cannot repay. But the much more important consequence of easy money — as the Victorians would have seen at once — is that it *undermines* the principle of self-restraint. Easy money helps to fuel the very permissiveness that Tory politicians are busy blaming on other people.

For the young, the unequivocal message of the easy credit society is: "If you want it, have it now; there is no longer any virtue in thrift or self-restraint." I cannot believe that is the message the government wishes to communicate.

But there is a common denominator in the promiscuous ethic of Bloomsbury, the permissive "revolution" of the 1960s and this government's endorsement of easy credit. That common denominator is the principle of immediate gratification.

Camille Desmoulins warned Robespierre and St Just: "Let us beware of connecting politics and moral regeneration." The Conservative Party might be wise to heed that warning. If it does want to present itself as the scourge of permissiveness, it ought to be consistent. A policy to discourage immediate gratification in personal morality would be ineffective and hypocritical unless it was combined with a policy to restrict easy credit. There is little chance of any political party promising to do that. As an election issue, morality is fine as far as it goes, but it does not go as far as cutting commercial profits.

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When a Wrac is ruined

"I would also suggest that becoming pregnant is a terrible waste of years of precise and vital training," wrote Hilary Macklin in a letter to *The Times* the other day. What he, or perhaps she, meant by training was military training; his, or it may be her, theory is that women with babes in arms do not make the best soldiers. It is a theory which commands my respect, and one seldom mentioned in books on having babies.

"Pregnancy causes considerable changes in the nature and temperament of new mothers," says Hilary, with the air of one who knows a thing or two. "These changes may impair soldiering ability to a perilous degree."

How absolutely right he, or possibly she, is. I myself have seen women turn overnight from smartly turned out warrior ladies into soft and useless creatures simply because they had learnt they had a little stranger on the way. I remember a Sergeant Bertha Grout of the Royal Armoured Corps, whom I got to know in a pub on Salisbury Plain where I used to hang around after hours. She was a brisk, no-nonsense, lightly moustached soldier who liked nothing better than to get into her tank and blast bits off Wiltshire.

"Why wait for the Russkies to invade us?" she used to roar, banging the bar with her tankard. "Just put me and my tank on the road to Moscow, and they wouldn't know what had hit 'em!"

So I was taken aback one day when she sidled up to me, accepted a small Babycham and asked whether I preferred red or blue wall hangings.

"It rather depends which room you're decorating, I would have thought."

"It's not a room. Actually, it's the inside of the tank," she said, blushing. "I'm having it painted deep cream and decked out with some Constable prints, and I thought some velvet hangings would make it more comfy, you know."

She was only two weeks pregnant but already she had become useless to the army. So, of course, she had to leave. It's tragic, really, when a trained killer suddenly loses all interest in the art. I remember another sergeant, one Mirriel Badger, whose speciality was instructing soldiers in unarmed combat. She claimed that the average British girl should be able to break the arm of any man within 30 seconds of being introduced to him, and on the only occasion that I unwittingly accepted her challenge to some wrist-wrestling, I was in plaster for the next three weeks.

So it came as a shock to everyone when Sergeant Badger suddenly announced the cancellation of her combat classes, to be replaced by a series of encounter groups. At her court martial recruits testified that they had been forced to hug and cuddle each other, and to hold hands while singing nursery rhymes.

"This court has never heard of such cruel nor such subversive behaviour," said the presiding officer. "How you think you could hope to incapacitate a Russian soldier by singing *Three Blind Mice* at him is beyond me."

"I love the Russians! I love everyone!" shouted the deranged Muriel as she was led laughing from the court.

What mystified everyone was how these and many other women soldiers subject to the same ghastly changes could ever have got pregnant in the first place. How could any man ever have got close enough to such terrifying fighting machines to sneak a kiss, let alone go the whole hog?

If they had known the truth, they would have been even more surprised. The Russians were behind it. Yes, the Russians, conscious of the fierceness of our khaki amazons, had actually formed a crack squad of male soldiers whose job it was to infiltrate the British army, become chummy with the girls, disarm them by talking about weaponry and fighting, and then get them pregnant. And once pregnant, their soldiering ability was totally impaired.

How do I know? Simple. I worked for the Russians for a while. That was what I was doing, hanging round those pubs on Salisbury Plain. But it was some time ago now. For the full story, you can read my book about those years which comes out shortly in Australia.

TIMES PAST THE TIMES

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WHO DARES LEAVES

After receiving more careers advice in 72 hours than most people get in a lifetime, Prince Edward has made his decision. As it was not the one his family or the Royal Marines might have wished for, it seems likely that he made it for himself. That in itself requires more character than the commandoes could ever have built for him. He has left in the end with some dignity and his choice must be respected.

When George III sent his third son (the future William IV) to sea as a midshipman, it was a daring decision. It enabled the young prince to see far more of the world and its people than most of his royal predecessors. The services still allow contact between Sovereign and subject under secure conditions. Given also the associated virtues of leadership, courage and national service, the armed forces in general and the navy in particular have come to be seen as the ideal solution for a prince seeking gainful employment. But the tradition is far from being obligatory.

It seems in some senses a pity that Prince Edward could not have finished his course. To have completed his training would have added to his self-respect and saved him from the accusation that he had simply given up on an uncomfortable challenge. Still, he must now put that behind him and look to his future. He will not lack advisers to guide him.

Nor does he entirely lack precedent. Prince William of Gloucester became a diplomat and his younger brother, the present Duke, an architect. Prince Albert, the consort of Queen Victoria, had no military training and (wisely) turned down the post of commander-in-chief of the army when it was offered to him by the old Duke of Wellington. Yet Albert's contribution to the country was unquestionable — and included his support for military reform. By no means all Edward's forebears felt the call of the sea as keenly as their parents might have wished.

Inevitably, problems over security will narrow his field of vision. It is also undesirable for the Queen's youngest son to be compromised by divisive controversy. On the other hand, he has the enviable advantage that few potential employers are likely to say "no".

The diplomatic service is one strong possibility, offering as it does the prospect of serving his country at home and abroad in a semi-controlled environment. So, too, is the home civil service, although political controversy on that side of Whitehall is less avoidable. Manufacturing industry sounds like an attractive option, should he feel drawn towards it — particularly as it is that part of the British ecomomy which most needs a shot of adrenalin. And estate management has the natural advantage that the Queen has plenty of estates for him to practise on. Whatever he chooses, however, he now has the time to choose wisely.

The Royal Marines too deserve some credit for acting with decorum. They have rightly decided against making any changes in their commando training course. While such matters must always be kept under review, to change course in response to the resignation of a young prince would create the worse possible impression. As it is, the marines are among the most effective units and have shown themselves, in Northern Ireland especially, to be capable of acting with restraint.

The last few days have been an unhappy time for them as for Prince Edward. It is to be hoped, however, that all those concerned, including Buckingham Palace, have learned something from it. Let them all put it down to experience.

TWILIGHT AT NOON

Skulduggery in the ranks of the Soviet secret police, the KGB, is nothing new. The public exposure of it in the communist party newspaper *Pravda* is. And when the exposé is signed not by an investigative journalist, but by the head of the KGB himself, it carries special authority.

The announcement by Viktor Chebrikov in the columns of *Pravda* last week that a senior KGB officer in the Ukraine had been dismissed for malpractice conveyed two messages. First, that the secret police is no longer exempt — as it had appeared to be until now — from Mr Gorbachov's campaign to raise standards of public accountability in the Soviet Union. Second, that the KGB is — or should be from now on — subject to the authority of the communist party and the law.

Given that the victim in the case was a provincial reporter, there was the further message: that journalists of whatever station should feel able to expose corruption without fear. Investigative reporting of a most sensitive nature was thus sanctioned at the highest level.

The particular case denounced by Mr Chebrikov was a classic example of KGB manipulation. A journalist who had penetrated a network of corruption in the local law enforcement agencies was arrested and imprisoned for 13 days on a trumped up charge of "hooliganism". The scenario — the small man pitted against the authorities, the framing, and the pervasive injustice — will be familiar to many: dissidents, ordinary people with a grievance and reporters (Soviet and foreign) alike.

If the publicity given to this case is intended to serve notice on the secret police that tactics such as these are no longer acceptable, this is a welcome development. The ability of the KGB to flout the law with impunity has placed dissenters, whose only crime is to hold opinions at variance with those of the state, at such a disadvantage. It has also done much to discredit the whole practice of Soviet law.

The public criticism of KGB conduct can also be seen in its historical context as another stage in the duel between the secret police and the communist party apparatus which has bedevilled the Soviet state from the beginning. Successive heads of the KGB have been seen as rival centres of power to the party, and while the communist party apparatus has always held the bureaucratic power, the KGB's brainpower and access to information have often given it the upper hand.

A limitation on KGB power, if this is what last week's *Pravda* article signifies, might suggest that Mr Gorbachov's hold on the leadership is now so strong he can afford to curb its influence. Equally, the move might be another phase (following the freeing of Andrei Sakharov) in his attempts to harness the intelligentsia to his modernization programme. It was, after all, independent-minded people who have felt the strictures imposed by the KGB most keenly and who have been most alienated by its methods.

Yet it is not at all clear how far a general inference is to be drawn from the particular case which has just been made public. Even the fact that the head of the KGB himself wrote to *Pravda* affords no proof of an intention on the part of the Soviet leadership to renounce the past. Mr Chebrikov's willingness to root out malpractice elsewhere may simply have been an attempt to save his own skin.

The KGB's many victims will need more evidence than this before they will believe that its fundamental character has changed. The very fact that the KGB as an institution was not called to account for misdemeanours, but only an individual who was deemed to have overstepped the mark, contains a sombre warning for the future. It establishes that the secret police — honed to a more refined instrument of control, perhaps — will continue to exist as a valued pillar of communist power in the Soviet Union.

COLD AS CHARITY

Amongst all the sad statistics of death it is a peculiarly objectionable fact that around 1,000 of our fellow citizens will die of hypothermia in an average year. Deaths from cold are preventable, and although they are fewer than in years gone by, that is no cause for their placid acceptance by society. It is an important duty of the press and broadcast media at this time of the year to make this clear.

The hypothermia statistics themselves are not the best guide. They measure references to hypothermia in death certificates and these may, to some extent, follow the swings of medical fashion.

We get closer to the heart of the matter by measuring the percentage by which deaths in winter exceed the average mortality rate. Back in the late 1950s the mortality rate during the winter quarter was 27 per cent higher than the average for the year as a whole. By the 1970s that had fallen to 18 per cent. The latest figures suggest that it has fallen further to 14 per cent today.

State provision has played some role here. An important trend has been the extension of benefits covering old people's heating costs. Expenditure on the supplementary benefit heating addition has gone up to about £400 million in 1985-86, an increase of about £140 million in constant prices from 1979-80. All old people on supplementary benefit now get a weekly heating addition ranging from £2.20 a week to £5.50 a week. This is paid all through the year, however, and it may not be fully remembered precisely because it is so regular.

The 1980 reform of supplementary benefit introduced for the first time a new regulation covering exceptionally severe weather payments. This has led to a battle between two great forces — British bureaucracy versus the British weather. So far, the weather has been winning as the scheme — caught between the competing objectives of avoiding excessive regulation and excessive discretion — has had to be frequently revised. In 1985-86, £1.7 million was paid out with an administrative cost of a further £1 million. It is hardly our most cost-effective benefit.

Mr John Major, the Social Security Minister, might be forgiven for feeling disappointed that so much discussion of hypothermia amongst old people ignores the significant improvement in benefits under this Government.

But if he is disappointed, he should not be surprised. There is a fundamental tension between organized and regulated expenditure to relieve poverty and the deepest instincts of generosity. The spontaneous spirit of the benign Pickwick cannot be easily reconciled with the orderly practices of the utilitarian Gradgrind.

It would be wrong, however, to expect the entire burden of helping cold elderly people to fall on the social security system. At least three other approaches should be considered.

First, the British seem remarkably incompetent in dealing with snaps of cold weather when they do occur. Old people need to be advised how best to look after themselves during such spells. Would it not be possible for the electricity boards and the gas corporation to put ten crucial pieces of advice into the autumn fuel bill — ready in time for the winter weather?

Secondly, the government should focus on a major root of the problem — inadequate insulation and draught-proofing in the homes of old people. The Homes Insulation Grant Scheme should be further focused on helping this specific group.

Thirdly, the problem of getting better social security assistance to old people is unusual. Those younger citizens brought up in a credit card culture would expect old people to keep warm now regardless of March's fuel bill. But prudent old people, shocked by the effects of the inflation of the 1970s on their savings, seem to want to save regardless. A recent study suggested that half of old people on supplementary benefit were saving regularly. So a general increase in benefit to them may not actually change their patterns of energy use.

Whilst benefits in cash are generally preferable to benefits in kind, these special circumstances may justify converting some of the heating addition into fuel vouchers along the lines proposed by Professor Williams in his letter to *The Times* yesterday.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Policy error in housing reform?

From the City Housing Officer, Worcester

Sir, John Patten's aim of breaking up "monolithic" council estates over the next five to 10 years (report, January 8) marks the emergence of the first political consensus on the future of public-sector housing for nearly a decade.

The fact is that all the main political parties seem now to have concluded that local authority housing management has failed and needs to be replaced with the latest solution to the housing crisis — self-management trusts or, at second best, control vested in a benign housing association or building society.

This is a cure-all as simplistic and muddle-headed as the widespread slum clearance and redevelopment of the 1950s and 1960s, which led to the impersonal bleak council estates which catch the headlines. What is often forgotten is that it was central government who dictated the very solutions for which local authorities are now being castigated.

Secondly, the current musing over ownership and management simply deflects debate from the still largely ignored issues of disrepair and dereliction (much of it in the private sector, particularly amongst elderly owner-occupiers), record homelessness levels and the growing sad queue of people whose only hope of a decent home is a rented one.

A real political consensus would recognise the need for a consistent level and spread of investment in new building, improvement of the existing stock linked to the encouragement of a diverse spectrum of tenures — all underpinned by a truly radical reform of our crazy system of housing finance, one aspect of which would be the recognition of a need for a substantial, unstigmatised provision of public-sector housing as opposed to the bottom-of-the-heap welfare accommodation local authority housing is in danger of becoming if current political prejudices hold sway.

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East End poor

From Mr Eddie Johnson

Sir, As probably the longest serving licensee (since 1962) in Newham, I've felt the effect of unemployment in the area as much as anyone (letter, January 6). However, as an ex-docker I must point out that the area was as affluent as any other industrial area during the docks' heyday.

As for the rates, the last 20 years has seen the exodus of hundreds of small firms from the area because they are so high.

Yours faithfully,
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A fatal choice

From Dr Magnus Pyke

Sir, The statistics published earlier this week (January 8, later editions) by the World Health Organisation provide useful information about what people in different countries die from. There is, however, one fact to which WHO and those who study its figures seldom draw attention. This is that, no matter how good the public health becomes, we all have to die of something.

Regardless of advances in medical science, the overall death rate remains intractably at 100 per cent. Now that tuberculosis no longer kills us when we are young, we lay ourselves open to cancer or heart failure later on.

To some degree, as knowledge advances we can virtually choose which of the degenerative diseases we prefer to die from.

Regrettable though it may be that there are 243 deaths per 100,000 citizens of England and Wales from heart disease, whereas only 82 per 100,00 Portuguese die the same death, it is worth noting that in 1982, although every boy of 15 living in Portugal could expect to survive to the age of 71.8, an average English or Welsh boy bould expect to survive to become a pensioner of 72.5.

Yours faithfully,
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The evil that men do

From the Director of the Help Charitable Trust

Sir, Dr Abel (January 7) can set his mind at rest about Myra Hindley, who he assumes is "defective in her capacity to live a normal life". Not long ago the local review committee, which included the governor of her prison, recommended her for parole. One member congratulated her on the way she had spent her time in prison, in the course of which she has obtained an honours degree.

Those who know her well (I have visited her for 18 years) are well aware that she should have received parole long ago.

Dr Abel announces that "practically all criminals have given evidence of their uncontrolled instincts before the age of 18". Myra Hindley had a spotless record up to that age. She became involved in atrocious events. She has long felt profound remorse and is now doing all in her power to make atonement.

Yours sincerely,
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Human rights and human wrongs

From the Rector of the Imperial College of Science and Technology and others

Sir, The return to Moscow of Dr Sakharov, the release of Irina Ratushinskaya, and a number of other recent moves may represent the beginning of a new chapter in the chronicle of human rights in the USSR. Unfortunately, however, there are still many people to whom this new chapter has so far brought no improvement in the wretched situation in which they find themselves.

We would like to draw attention to the case of our colleague Alexander Joffe. Dr Joffe is a mathematician of international repute who has made outstanding contributions to the theory of optimization.

Ten years ago he and his family applied to emigrate to Israel. Since then they have been in the limbo of "refusal" — unable to leave but barred from normal participation in Soviet society. Your readers may recall Dr Joffe's name from Caroline Moorehead's graphic description of refusenik life which you published on Human Rights Day, December 10.

Last year Dr Joffe's son and his wife and small child applied independently for emigration. Their application has now been refused on the grounds — truly worthy of Kafka — that emigration is unnecessary for reunification of the family since the parents are resident in Moscow. This is the last straw for Joffe, who has now started a hunger strike, with the sole demand that his son and family be allowed to leave.

Surely justice demands that the whole family now be permitted to emigrate. Apart from the obvious violation of human rights implied by their treatment over the years, it is impossible to see what the Soviet authorities have to gain by keeping them in this desperate position. Dr Joffe has never been involved in secret work and indeed, since his refusal, has been actively prevented from making any contribution to mathematics in the USSR since he cannot participate in symposia or publish there.

We would like to express our urgent wish that in the new era of *glasnost* the manifest injustice meted out to the Joffe family and to others in their position may speedily be ended.

Yours faithfully,
E. A. ASH, MARK DAVIS,
DAVID MAYNE,
RICHARD B. VINTNER,
Imperial College of Science and Technology,
Department of Electrical Engineering,
Exhibition Road, SW7.
January 9.

From Mr Martin Gilbert

Sir, With reference to Caroline Moorehead's article (December 10, 1986) about the 12,000 Russian Jews who have been refused permission to live in Israel, may I report additional information about one of these "refuseniks" whom she mentioned, Alexei Magarik, a young cellist and an "unofficial" Hebrew teacher, now serving a three-year sentence for his struggle to emigrate.

Following his recent transfer to a labour camp near the Siberian city of Omsk, Magarik has suffered considerably from cuts and sores on his hand caused by work in the camp's glass-fibre factory, work which he and his fellow prisoners must do without protective gloves. For a cellist, this is a frightening situation. He has also been subjected to anti-Jewish and anti-Israel taunts by camp officials; this is a cruel additional pressure on a Jew whose only real "crime" was to want to live in Israel.

Magarik's link with the West is his wife Natasha. A fearless, vivacious woman, on December 26 she wrote a letter to the Central Committee to protest against the refusal of the labour camp authorities to allow her husband to write to her. In her letter to the authorities she also protested about the "systematic violation" of the industrial safety rules in the camp, as well as the "anti-Semitism and threats".

Recently, in the House of Commons, Alexei Magarik's father spoke to the All-Party Parliamentary Committee on Soviet Jewry, on behalf not only of his own son but of all the Jewish prisoners. "Save our sons!" was his impassioned plea.

It is on Natasha Magarik's shoulders, however, that the main burden of support for her husband falls. Last week Yehudi Menuhin sent her, to Moscow, a personal letter of support and encouragement. If other musicians in the West will now add their voices to his, then Magarik, his wife and their one-year-old son may have a chance of being allowed to join their family in Israel.

Yours sincerely,
MARTIN GILBERT,
Merton College, Oxford,
January 7.

Reform of honours

From Sir David Bates, FRS

Sir, In view of several recent pieces in *The Times*, it is of some interest to determine the distribution of the New Year's honours amongst different activities. A measure of this may be obtained by counting knights and above, commanders, officers and members, and giving an award in each of these four groups a weighting inversely proportional to the number in the group.

The percentage of the weighted honours thus found is given after the activity: industry, commerce and finance, 18; defence and other services, 18; political and public service, 12; local government and other public bodies, 11; Civil Service, 7; medical, 7; good works, 7; education, 6; science and engineering, 5; scholarship, 2; law, 2; creative arts, 2; performing arts, 2; media, 1; sport, 1.

Yours etc,
DAVID R. BATES,
1 Newforge Grange,
Belfast, Northern Ireland.

Degrees of excellence

From Professor J. C. Levy

Sir, Mr Alan Fulwood (January 5) cites the inadequacies of our engineering degree courses as a major factor contributing to our relative industrial decline. This is a dangerous fallacy which can distract attention from the real problems.

By comparing the length of a UK degree simply with the longer courses on the Continent and the USA Mr Fulwood ignores fundamental differences between the systems. In the UK professional engineers are not regarded as fully qualified until they have completed a seven-year package of education, training and experience. The Engineering Council register holds details of 200,000 such individuals, each qualified as a chartered engineer (CEng). There is no Continental or US equivalent to CEng, the Dipl Ing, for instance, being awarded in Germany for the three or four-year degree course alone.

An interesting recent development is that the 20 countries represented in FEANI — the European Association of Engineering Institutions — have agreed to introduce in 1987 a new pan-European title, European Engineer, based upon a seven-year package closely resembling that for the British chartered engineer. Our CEngs are expected to qualify for this new title, a practical demonstration that UK engineering qualifications are fully recognised abroad.

Other similar indicators are the long-standing brain-drain to the USA, where many UK engineers have achieved positions of great responsibility and the fact that large companies willingly employ our engineering graduates in multinational, multi-disciplinary teams.

Yours faithfully,
JACK LEVY (Director, Engineering Profession),
The Engineering Council,
10 Maltravers Street, WC2.

Industry and MoD

From the Director of the Society of British Aerospace Companies, Ltd.

Sir, I write in support of the letter from Mr Kenneth Warren, MP (January 7).

We must all learn from the recent airborne early warning (AEW) saga. Naturally, I write with a vital interest in a strong and healthy aerospace industry. So should everyone in the country, for it represents one of the very few manufacturing sectors which provides a positive trade balance. It enhances the wealth of the nation by more than £1billion annually, when overall we are now depressingly in the red.

Although more than 60 per cent of aerospace products are exported, the Ministry of Defence is still the industry's largest single customer. Without vigorous home-front endorsement, our military exports will wither away and our aerospace technology will suffer.

As the purchasing agent for MoD, the Procurement Executive therefore has an immense responsibility. Not only does it need, quite rightly, to achieve value for money, but it must also ensure that our home base's defence industry is not put at risk.

I am by no means seeking a return to the cosy relationship which some say existed between MoD and industry before the competitive instinct flourished in the ministry. I want UK Ltd to continue to have a strong and healthy industry fully able to meet the expectations which the Armed Forces have every right to see fulfilled.

A more constructive partnership between MoD and industry would ensure the motivation advocated by Kenneth Warren which is an absolute necessity. Without it, a repeat of the recent problems that bedevilled the AEW contract will occur again and again.

Yours faithfully,
J. B. CURTISS, Director,
The Society of British Aerospace Companies, Ltd,
29 King Street,
St James's, SW1.
January 7.

Clue to an enigma

From Professor Norman Gash

Sir, The version of my article on the late Lord Stockton which you printed (December 31) contains the sentence:

Had it not been for the war, as Clement Attlee reputedly said, Macmillan would have ended up in the Labour Party.

That is not what I wrote and it is not an opinion I hold. What I wrote was as follows:

As cautious a man as Clement Attlee reputedly said that had it not been for the war, Macmillan would have ended up in the Labour Party.

The purpose of that reference was simply to illustrate how left-wing Macmillan's views seemed to some contemporaries to be at that time.

NORMAN GASH,
Old Gatehouse,
Portway, Langport, Somerset.
December 31.

ON THIS DAY

JANUARY 13 1859

The Ionian Islands, of which Corfu is the best known, had become a British Protectorate by the Treaty of Paris in 1815; in 1864 they were ceded to Greece. The Times *and Gladstone were not on good terms at this period. In 1855 Gladstone wrote in a letter to Lord Aberdeen that "the insolence of* The Times *becomes more and more a national evil"*

[MR GLADSTONE'S ECCENTRICITY]

It is currently reported, though we can hardly believe it, that Sir JOHN YOUNG has been recalled, and Mr. GLADSTONE, the present Lord Commissioner Extraordinary, has been appointed ordinary Lord Commissioner in his place. We admit that, after all the experience we have had, we have no right to be astonished at anything Mr. GLADSTONE may do . . . but still, after making every allowance, we must confess that we have heard the report with no little surprise. It must indeed be a strong sense of duty which can drive Mr. GLADSTONE to a step so liable on every side to have disagreeable constructions put upon it . . . He went out, as we were officially informed, with the consent of Sir JOHN YOUNG, and no doubt in friendly relations with him. And what have been the results? He has killed and also taken possession. He has had the opportunity of examining the place which his friend held, finds it to his taste, and takes possession of it. He has changed his concurrent into a sole responsibility and has consented to occupy the position of the man upon the state of whose government he had undertaken to furnish a report. We suppose that we shall be told that the recall of Sir JOHN YOUNG had nothing to do with the report of Mr. GLADSTONE, and that the question of his appointment was viewed both by him and by Sir E. B. LYTTON as quite independent and unconnected with his antecedent relations with the subject. But, this only makes it the more strange that Mr. GLADSTONE should lay himself open to such misconstruction of his conduct, and place himself in the position of the Judge who becomes the owner of the property of the man he has condemned.

Not a little strange is it, also, if it be true, that Mr. GLADSTONE should consent to become, not the colleague, but the servant of the present Cabinet, and to place himself in the hands of Sir E. B. LYTTON, a gentleman who has executed political movements precisely the contrary to Mr. GLADSTONE'S, having been a Liberal when Mr. GLADSTONE was a Tory, and having turned Tory just when Mr. GLADSTONE turned Liberal. We should have thought that Mr. GLADSTONE, who thirteen years ago held the seals of the Colonial-office, would hardly condescend to take an office under the control of a gentleman who eight months ago had never filled any official situation under the CROWN; but perhaps we have underrated the right hon. gentleman's humility. Our wonder at this proceeding will be increased when we compare the duties which Mr. GLADSTONE gives up with those which he is going to undertake. He is going to work out a political experiment which is almost certain to fail. Should it, contrary to all expectation, succeed, it is, when compared with the vast interests with which British statesmen of the first class have constantly to deal, a very small matter; should it fail, as there is every probability it will, it is calculated to do additional injury to an established reputation. On the other hand, Mr. GLADSTONE gives up the position which he holds of the first orator in the House of Commons at the time when a discussion is about to commence compared with which the paltry struggles of Ionian politics are absolutely insignificant and contemptible. We have arrived at a crisis when England needs the voice of every able and distinguished man she possesses to protect her from the wild counsels of democracy on the one hand and from the insidious attempts of a grasping territorial oligarchy on the other. For a statesman of Mr. GLADSTONE'S position to absent himself from the coming debate on the Reform Bill is a species of political suicide, and a slight to the House of Commons which will not soon be forgotten . . .

. . . from whatever point of view we regard this appointment, . . . we find it impossible to see, supposing the rumour to be true, anything but one of those acts of eccentricity which tend so grievously to tarnish a brilliant reputation. . . .

Firm in the saddle

From Dr J. H. B. Beal

Sir, Those interested in the history of riding in the side-saddle position can, if they visit the current Thracian Silver exhibition at the British Museum, see a 4th century BC goddess riding on a tigress in this position with apparent ease and confidence, though without a saddle.

Yours faithfully,
JACK BEAL,
61 Cadogan Square, SW1.
January 8.

Best before?

From the Rev Mike Hensman

Sir, Hot cross buns at Christmas. Let the Reverend Brian King (January 7) rejoice at Marks and Spencer's theology. Christmas has no meaning without Easter.

Yours faithfully,
M. HENSMAN,
89 Sparrow Farm Road,
Stoneleigh,
Epsom, Surrey.
January 7.

COURT AND SOCIAL

SOCIAL NEWS

The Duchess of Gloucester, Patron of the Royal Surgical Aid Society, will attend a meeting at 47 Great Russell Street, WC1, on February 26.

Princess Anne will attend a dinner given by the National Council for Carers and their Elderly Dependants before their national conference at Cobden Hotel, Birmingham, on March 13.

Princess Anne, Patron of the Butler Trust, will present the Butler Trust Awards at Lambeth Palace on March 16.

The Duchess of Kent, Patron of the Sunshine Coach Scheme, will attend a luncheon on March 17 at the Hilton hotel in honour of Tescos for their funding of one hundred Sunshine Coaches.

The Duke of Kent, Vice-Chairman of the British Overseas Trade Board, will visit the Sira Group of companies, South Hill, Chiselhurst, Kent, on March 18.

The Duke of Kent, president, will attend a Royal Choral Society concert at the Festival Hall on March 19.

The Duke of Kent, Vice-Chairman of the British Overseas Trade Board, will open the London "Industry Matters" exhibition at the C & L Sports and Leisure Centre, Northolt, on March 23.

The Duke of Kent will visit the Royal Naval Engineering College, Manadon, and the Hydrographic Surveying Flotilla at Devonport on March 26.

The Duchess of Kent, as Patron of the Christie Hospital, will open the Adult Leukaemia and Bone Marrow Transplant Unit on March 26 and also open the new centre based at St Mary's Hospital for victims of sexual assault.

The Duchess of Kent, president, will attend the opening night of *Manon* at the Royal Northern College of Music, Manchester, on March 26.

The Duchess of Kent, Controller Commandant of the WRAC, will visit the Royal Military Academy, Sandhurst, on March 30.

Birthdays today

Mr Craigie Aitchison, 61; Air Marshal Sir John Baker-Carr, 81; Sir Johannes Bjelke-Petersen, 76; Mr Richard Blackford, 33; Mr Michael Bond, 61; Dr Sydney Brenner, CH, 60; Lady Donaldson of Kingsbridge, 80; Major-General B.P. Hughes, 84; Sir Alan Lubbock, 90; Mr Bernard Shrimsley, 56; Mr K.C. Turpin, 72.

Luncheon

HM Government
Sir Geoffrey Howe, QC, Secretary of State for Foreign and Commonwealth Affairs, was host yesterday at a luncheon held at 1 Carlton Gardens in honour of the departing Ambassador of Pakistan.

Dinners

Board of Deputies of British Jews
Dr Lionel Kopelowitz, President of the Board of Deputies of British Jews, and Mrs Kopelowitz, were hosts at a dinner held last night at the Hilton hotel in honour of Mr Edgar M. Bronfman, President of the World Jewish Congress, and Members of the World Executive. Among those present were:
Dr Josef Burg, Mr Leon Dulzin, Rabbi Arthur Hertzberg, Mr Yitzhak Korn, Dr Gerhart M Riegner, Senator Michel Dreyfus-Schmidt, Mr Kalman Sultanik, Dr Israel Singer, Mr David Kimche, Mr Martin Gilbert and Rabbi Eliahu Essas.

Feltmakers' Company
Mr Martin Harper, Master of the Feltmakers' Company, presided at the traditional Plough Monday dinner held last night at Trinity House. The principal guests were Mr Alderman and Sheriff Hugh Bidwell, Mr Alderman and Sheriff Michael Graham, Sir Hugh Wontner, Sir Anthony Jolliffe, Captain Sir Miles Wingate, Sir Pat Lowry, Sir James Duncan, Mr George Blunden and Sir Kenneth Newton.

Anglo-Jewish Association
Mr Clemens N. Nathan, President of the Anglo-Jewish Association, gave a dinner at the Athenaeum Club on January 6 and made a presentation to Mr Edmund de Rothschild, a senior vice-president of the association, who celebrated his seventy-first birthday on January 2. Among those present were:
Mr Gavin Lightman, QC (deputy president), Sir Zelman Cowen, QC, and Dr Basil Sarl (vice-presidents), Sir Peter Lazarus and Mr Fred Tuckman, MEP (council members), Mr Richard Moss (honorary treasurer) and Mr Richard Moshi (education committee chairman).

Council of Legal Education

The following are the first awards of the new Council of Legal Education studentships:
S J Bryan, Arnold School, Blackpool and Woodstock College, Cambridge; J R Evans-Tovey, Old Swinford Hospital School and Trinity College, Cambridge; A Francis, Kingsmead Comprehensive School, Hednesford and University College of Wales, Aberystwyth, and Wadham College, Oxford; J B Gardner, Glasgow Academy, Glasgow and New College, Oxford; C J Harrison, St. Edward's School, Oxford and Trinity Hall, Cambridge; C Karia, Wyggeston and Queen Elizabeth I School, and Sidney Sussex College, Cambridge; M R Pflitsch-Holter, Dr Challoner's Grammar School, Amersham, and Trinity Hall, Cambridge; J Sinn, Haberdashers' Aske's and West London Higher Education College; University of Manchester, and the City University; B Thanki, Dame Alice Owen's School; Balliol College, Oxford and the City University; M Thatcher, Latymer School, Edmonton; Balliol College, Oxford, and the City University.

Appointments

Latest appointments include:

Mr St John Gore and **Mr Robert Alexander** to be Trustees of the National Gallery, in succession to the late Mr Michael Sacher and the late Mr Stuart Young.

Professor J. Van De Loo, of the University Medical Clinic in Munster, West Germany, to be Honorary Consultant in Medicine to the British Army of the Rhine, in succession to Professor H. Losse, who has retired.

Royal Association for Disability and Rehabilitation

An inaugural reunion dinner for past "Men of the Year" will be held at the Royal Lancaster Hotel on Thursday, March 19, 1987. All past "Men" or any others interested in attending are asked to contract RADAR at 25 Mortimer Street, London, W1N 8AB, or telephone 01-637 5400 for further details.

Meeting

Chartered Institute of Transport
Mr O. Benz, Director of Information Systems and Technology of British Rail, gave a paper on "Information technology and the transport market place" to the Chartered Institute of Transport at the Institute of Civil Engineers yesterday evening. The president, Mr G. Myers, Vice-Chairman of British Rail, presided and afterwards entertained the speaker at dinner.

The baptism of the Hon Leonora Louise Marie Elizabeth Knatchbull, daughter of Lord and Lady Romsey and great granddaughter of the late Earl Mountbatten of Burma, drew a healthy representation of European royalty to Romsey Abbey, Hampshire, on Sunday. Among the guests were (from left) the Queen of Spain, the King of Spain (godparent), the Hon Michael John Knatchbull (godparent), Queen Anne-Marie of The Hellenes (godparent), Lady Romsey, King Constantine of The Hellenes and Mrs Juan March (godparent). The Romseys have two other children. (Photograph: Peter Trievnor).

Church news

The Right Rev George Hacker, Suffragan Bishop of Penrith, is to be the new Episcopal Adviser for the Angican Young People's Association (AYPA).

Appointments
The Rev R A Bowyer, Curate, St James, Exeter, diocese Exeter, to be Team Vicar in St Thomas and Emmanuel Team Ministry, Exeter, same diocese.
The Rev D J W Buckler, Secrist of St Paul's Cathedral, diocese London, to be Vicar, St John at Hampstead, same diocese.
The Rev J Cayton, Vicar, St Paul, Marton, Blackpool, diocese Blackburn, to be Priest-in-Charge, St Peter, Fleetwood, same diocese.
The Rev W B Cooney, Vicar, St Andrew, Sneyd Green, diocese Lichfield, to be Rector, Sawley, diocese Derby.
The Rev M J Dymock, Vicar, St Nicholas, Plumstead, diocese Southwark, to be also Sub-Dean of Woolwich, same diocese.
The Rev K Leech, Race Relations Field Officer, Church of England's Board for Social Responsibility, Church House, Westminster, to be Director, The Runnymede Trust.
Canon R H C Lewis, Vicar, Poynton, Stockport, diocese Chester, to be also a Chaplain to the Queen.
The Rev D Miller, Assistant Curate, Monk Bretton, diocese Wakefield, to be Vicar, Rastrick, St John, same diocese.
Canon J C M W Murphy, Rector, the Sandringham Group of parishes, diocese Norwich, and shortly to be Rector, Christ Church Cathedral, Falklands Islands, to be also a Chaplain to the Queen.
The Rev D M Rigby, Home Secretary, Church's Ministry among the Jews, to be Rector, Westcombe Team Ministry, diocese Salisbury.
The Rev C G M Smith, Team Vicar, Thamesmead Team Ministry, diocese Southwark, to be Team Rector, Kidlington Team Ministry, diocese Oxford.
The Rev J M Stow, Vicar, Bemerton Area Team Ministry, diocese Salisbury, to be Priest-in-Charge, Hawchurch and Marshwood Vale, same diocese.
The Rev A C Watts, Assistant Curate, Wimborne Minster and St Stephen Team Ministry, diocese Salisbury, to be Chaplain, Croft House School, and to have pastoral charge of Shillingstone, same diocese.

Retirement
The Rev C J Weston, Vicar, Stevenage, St Nicholas, diocese St Albans, to retire on January 31.

Church of Scotland
INDUCTIONS
The Rev P W Hibbert to Kincardine Crook and Edderton.
The Rev R A Anderson to Overtown.
The Rev P Meager to Elie with Kilconquhar and Colinsburgh.
TRANSLATIONS
The Rev Mary G Seawarl from Edinburgh, Newcraighall and Richmond Craigmillar to Papa Westray with Westray.
The Rev W D Hamilton from Borthwick with Newtongrange to Greenock, St George's North.
The Rev I M Strachan from Gourock, St John's to Ashkirk with Caddonfoot with Selkirk.
The Rev D J Taylor from Brechin, Maison Dieu with Strachathro to Glasgow, Colston Milton.
RETIREMENTS
The Rev H D Griffith from Lochcarron, St Cuthbert's with Tundergarth.
The Rev W B Aitken from Kirkpatrick-Irongray with Lochrutton.
The Very Rev P P Brodie from Alloa, St Mungo's.
The Rev Elizabeth B F Kleinburgh from Birse with Finzean with Strachan.
The Rev D H Macleod from Farnsfield.

University news

Glasgow
Dr Neil T. Gorman, of the universities of Cambridge and Florida, has been appointed to the chair of veterinary surgery from August 1. He succeeds Professor Donald D. Lawson.

Forthcoming marriages

Mr L.A.C. Elwes and Miss A.L. Dumoulin
The engagement is announced between Luke, eldest son of Mr and the Hon Mrs P.J.G. Elwes, of London, and Anneke, only daughter of Mr and Mrs H. Dumoulin, of Farnham, Surrey.

Mr J.D. Beagley and Miss J.S. Thompson
The engagement is announced between John, son of Mr and Mrs Terence Beagley, of Banstead, Surrey, and Jane, elder daughter of Mr Michael Thompson, of Cardiff, and Mrs Monica Thompson, of Seer Green, Buckinghamshire.

Mr J.C.R. Bendit and Miss S.L. Christey
The engagement is announced between Jonathan, younger son of Mr and Mrs J.D. Bendit, of Barnham, West Sussex, and Sara, elder daughter of Mr and Mrs R.B. Christey, of Norwich, Norfolk.

Mr S.E. Clow and Miss B.T. Healey
The engagement is announced between Stephen Edward, only son of Mr and Mrs Edward Clow, of New Malden, Surrey, and Bernadette Teresa, youngest daughter of Mr and Mrs Leo Healey, of Plymouth, Devon.

Mr A.G. Cooper and Miss S.J. Cotton
The engagement is announced between Andrew, son of Mr and Mrs L. Cooper, of Aldershot, Hampshire, and Sarah, daughter of Professor and Dr Righelato, of Reading, Berkshire.

Mr J.M.M. Darby and Miss R. O'Shaughnessy
The engagement is announced between Jonathan, son of Mr Jeremy Darby, of Hong Kong, and Mrs Rosemary Moffatt, of Vancouver, Canada, and Rosalind, daughter of Mr and Mrs Brian O'Shaughnessy, of Hampstead, London.

Mr C.R. Fairey and Miss M.L. Martinez
The engagement is announced between Charles, son of the late Mr Richard Fairey and Mrs D.M. Garrett, of Gilston Road, London, SW10, and Luisa, daughter of Mr and Mrs Edgar Martinez, of Holmberg, Buenos Aires.

Mr N.P. Fluck and Dr S.R. Wheatley
The engagement is announced between Nicholas, eldest son of the Rev Peter and Mrs Fluck, of Boston, Lincolnshire, and Susan, younger daughter of Captain and Mrs Allan Wheatley, of Scone, Tayside.

Mr D.S. Fordham and Miss C.A. Simpson
The engagement is announced between David, elder son of Mr and Mrs J. Fordham, of Chorleywood, Hertfordshire, and Caroline, daughter of Mrs D. Thorne, of Leverstock Green, Hertfordshire, and the late Mr E. Simpson.

Mr S. Frush and Miss G. Shortman
The engagement is announced between Scott, son of the late Mr D. Frush and Mrs K. Frush, of Los Gatos, California, United States, and Gabrielle, younger daughter of Mr and Mrs Nigel Shortman, of Stoke Gabriel, Devon.

Mr J.C. Gent and Miss A.R. Woodcock
The engagement is announced between John, eldest son of Mr and Mrs Robin Gent, of Beedon Manor, Newbury, Berkshire, and Anna, youngest daughter of Mr and Mrs Ian Woodcock, of Shute Farm, Longbridge Deverill, Warminster, Wiltshire.

Mr A.P.D. Halland and Miss S.J. Chapman
The engagement is announced between Adrian, only son of Mr D.J. Halland, MBE, and Mrs B.R. Halland, of Petts Wood, Kent, and Sharon, eldest daughter of Mr G.W. Chapman and Mrs B.M.G. Chapman, of Maidstone, Kent.

Mr R.J. Hughes and Miss E.B. Bradley
The engagement is announced between Richard, elder son of Mr and Mrs P.A.M. Hughes, of Moolham, Ilminster, and Evelyn, only daughter of Major and Mrs R.S. Bradley, of Widmer End, High Wycombe.

Mr D.A.H. Jones and Miss C.S. Dunnill
The engagement is announced between Arthian, son of the Rev R.T. and Mrs Jones, of Penryn, Cornwall, and Colleen, elder daughter of Mr and Mrs K. Dunnill, of Mississauga, Ontario, Canada.

Mr P.J. Kent and Miss C.A. Gray
The engagement is announced between Peter, youngest son of Dr and Mrs P.W. Kent, of Cumnor, Oxford, and Carol, only daughter of Mr and Mrs P.L. Gray, of Eastwood, Essex.

Mr T.M. Kent and Miss L.J. Cunningham
The engagement is announced between Timothy Michael, son of Mr and Mrs M.J. Kent, of Weybridge, Surrey, and Louise Jane, daughter of Mr and Mrs J.F. Cunningham, of South Norwood, London.

Mr A.J. Marchbank and Miss S.K. Passey
The engagement is announced between Adrian John, eldest son of Mr and Mrs P. Marchbank, of Hale, Cheshire, and Sarah Katherine, youngest daughter of Mr and Mrs A.D. Passey, of Croydon, Surrey.

Mr C.H. Rayner and Miss D.J. Ellis
The engagement is announced between Christopher, only son of Mr and Mrs E.J. Rayner, of Saltdean, Brighton, East Sussex, and Deborah, eldest daughter of Mr and Mrs T.J. Ellis, of Lewes, East Sussex.

Mr M.C.L. Ribton and Miss C.N. Way
The engagement is announced between Michael, son of Mrs B.M. Ribton and the late Mr J.C.L. Ribton, of Frinton, Essex, and Catharine, eldest daughter of the Rev C.G. and Mrs Way, of Topcroft, Norfolk.

Mr G.P. Seddon and Miss B.S. Lucking
The engagement is announced between Paul, son of Mr and Mrs S.G. Seddon, of Hove, and Bridget, elder daughter of Mr C.J. Lucking, of Camden, London, and Mrs G.A. Lucking, of Blackheath, London.

Mr R.D. Spurrier and Miss B.J. Gagg
The engagement is announced between Roger Dermot, younger son of Mr and Mrs R.H. Spurrier, of The Old Rectory, Blankney, Lincoln, and Barbara Joyce, only daughter of Mr and Mrs J.A. Gagg, of Debdhill Farm, Misterton, Doncaster.

Mr P.A. Stockwell and Miss A.J.R. Paterson
The engagement is announced between Peter, son of the late Mr L.A. Stockwell and Mrs M. Stockwell, of Pinner, Middlesex, and Angela, daughter of Mr and Mrs G.M. Paterson, of Moor Park, Middlesex.

Mr N. Watkinson and Miss D.S. Pratt
The engagement is announced between Neil, elder son of Mr and Mrs E.C. Watkinson, of Glosforth, Newcastle upon Tyne, and Debbie, elder daughter of Mr and Mrs M.A. Pratt, of High Wycombe, Buckinghamshire.

Marriages

Mr M.G. Cox and Miss C.H. Robertson
The marriage took place on Saturday, December 20, 1986, at The Holy Family Church, Dunblane, between Mr Michael Cox, of Killiecrankie, son of the late Lieutenant-Colonel and Mrs R.G.S. Cox, and Miss Caryl Robertson, daughter of Mr and Mrs W.F. Robertson, of Punchbowl House, Strathblane, Stirlingshire.

Mr N.K. Brook and Mrs R.M. Parker
The marriage took place quietly at Guildford, on Saturday, January 3, 1987, between Mr Nigel Kenneth Brook and Mrs Rosemary Margaret Parker.

Mr B. Rees and Mrs J. Akehurst
The marriage took place on January 3, of Mr Brian Rees and Mrs Juliet Akehurst, daughter of Mr C.D'O. Gowan and the late Mrs Margaret Gowan, of Wood Cottage, Newby Bridge, Cumbria.
A sevice of blessing was held at Flore Parish Church, Northamptonshire.

Mr M.J.A. Swire and Miss J.E.M. Kay
The marriage took place on Monday, December 29, in St Mary's Cathedral, Cape Town, between Mr Mark Swire, eldest son of Mr Humphrey Swire and of Mrs Philippa Swire, of London, and Miss Jennifer Kay, daughter of Mr and Mrs Ronald Kay, of Johannesburg. Father Donald de Beer officiated.
The bride, who was given in marriage by her father, was attended by Miss Bonnie and Miss Sophie Malcolm-Green. Mr Robin Birley was best man.
A reception was held at the Mount Nelson Hotel, Cape Town.

Archaeology

Excavation uncovers 'Scotland's first town'

By Norman Hammond, Archaeology Correspondent

Excavations at one of Scotland's most important Early Christian sites have uncovered evidence of both an Anglo-Saxon monastery and of a later Viking settlement.

The latter seems to have been both a trading and a manufacturing centre, and Mr Peter Hill, who is directing the excavations, believes that it "may have been Scotland's first town".

The site, at Whithorn Priory in Wigtownshire, has long been revered as the cradle of Scottish Chrsitianity. It was the location of St Ninian's *Candida Casa* or "White Church", established almost a century before St Columba's mission to Iona in 563, and Ninian was himself buried there in about AD 432. His tomb became a major pilgrimage centre in the Middle Ages, and ruins of the twelfth century priory still survive.

The current excavations, the first of a five-year project planned by the Whithorn Trust, were in a field to the south of the priory where the Church of Scotland general trustees had planned to build a number of houses. The development has been halted, and the trustees will be opening an interpretation centre which will tell the story of Christianity in northern Britain.

The Norse settlement, dating to 950-1100 AD, lay outside the ecclesiastical centre. Two houses have been found, one built of stakes with a central hearth and sleeping benches along the sides.

It is rather like the houses excavated some years ago in Norse Dublin, and an Irish connection is shown by a coin minted there in 1050. Artefacts found in the house include combs, lead vessels and dress pins, while industrial waste indicates manufacturing activities.

The excavation also revealed the precinct wall of the Anglo-Saxon monastery of AD 730-850; buildings within this wall were later overlain by part of the Norse settlement. A medieval cemetery was placed on the site, with more than 350 graves known.

The Early Christian levels will be excavated in the summer. Professor Rosemary Cramp, of Durham University, is the principal archaeological adviser to the trustees.

Latest wills

£3.2m estate for family

Mr Harry Lyttelton Dowsett, of Greatford, Lincolnshire, left estate valued at £3,239,683 net. He left most of his estate to his wife and relatives.

Mr Timothy Alexander Austen MacPherson, of Walcot, Lincolnshire, managing director of Associated British Malsters, who with his wife and daughter was killed when a bomb exploded in their airliner at Colombo, Sri Lanka, left estate valued at £82,900 net. His wife, Deirdre Anne, left estate valued £113,298 net and their daughter, Iona, who died intestate, left £60,648 net.

Mrs Joyce Evelyn Davis, of Burnham, Buckinghamshire, left estate valued at £1,186,048 net.

Mr Reginald Stuart Cochrane, of Elburton, Devon, civil servant, left estate valued at £198,958 net. He left £15,000 and effects to personal legatees, £2,000 to the Abbeyfield Society and the residue to the Haberdashers' Company for scholarships in metallurgy, material sciences, electronics or medicine for pupils at Haberdashers' Aske's School, Hatchem.

His Honour Judge Nigel Hugh Curtis-Raleigh, of Hammersmith, London, a circuit judge since 1966, left estate valued at £280,973 net.

Mr Peter Siegfried Muetzel, of Standon, Hertfordshire, left estate valued at £1,057,886 net. He left most of his estate to relatives.

OBITUARY

MR JOHN GILLAM

Work on the remains of Roman Britain

Mr John Gillam, archaeologist, who was an authority on Hadrian's Wall and Roman pottery, died on New Year's Eve. He was 69.

John Pearson Gillam was born on July 10, 1917, and educated at Chesterfield Grammar School. He went to St Chad's College, Durham, as an ordinand, graduating in 1938, and gaining a diploma in theology in 1939.

But he had already developed an interest in archaeology. His first paper, published in 1939, was on Romano-British Derbyshire ware.

In 1940 he enlisted in the Royal Army Medical Corps. Two years later he was commissioned in the 14th Punjab Regiment, and served in India, North Africa and Europe.

Returning to Durham in 1946 he soon established himself as one of the foremost authorities on Roman pottery in Britain. His *Types of Roman Coarse Pottery Vessels in Northern Britain*, originally published in *Archaeologia Aeliana* in 1957, and subsequently twice revised, has become a classic and an essential tool for all involved in Roman pottery studies in Britain.

In 1947 Gillam took part in the first post-war excavation at Corbridge Roman site, the beginning of a long and fruitful partnership with Ian Richmond and Eric Birley. There, and on the training excavation at Great Casterton, he demonstrated his great gifts as a teacher, inspiring many to take up archaeology.

He also found time to excavate on, and write about, Hadrian's Wall, and produced a number of papers on it and the Border in general. He also excavated in Switzerland, Germany and North Africa.

In 1948 he was appointed lecturer in Roman-British archaeology at King's College, Newcastle (now Newcastle University). He was a reader there from 1956 until his retirement in 1982.

Gillam was an inspired thinker. In 1973 he predicted the location of a hitherto unknown fort at Corbridge and, two years later, he suggested the existence of a series of fortlets on the Antonine Wall.

His working career coincided with an era of profound change in archaeological studies, particularly in the area of material remains. Recent work on Roman pottery bears little or no resemblance to what was being published at the outset of his career, and owes not a little to his pioneering zeal

He married, in 1942, Marie Watson, who survives him with their two sons.

PROFESSOR FRANZ BERGEL

Professor Franz Bergel, FRS, research chemist noted for his work on vitamins and on the chemotherapy of cancer, died on New Year's Day. He was 86.

Franz Bergel was born in Vienna on February 13, 1900. He was educated at the universities of Vienna and Freiburg.

He left Germany in 1933 to join the medical chemistry department at Edinburgh University, where he collaborated with Dr Alexander (now Lord) Todd. They and their colleagues were among the first to synthesize by fermentation the anti-beri-beri vitamin B1.

In 1936 they moved to the Lister Institute of Preventive Medicine in London, where their interest in vitamins was extended to vitamin E.

Two years later Bergel was appointed director of research at Roche Products Limited at Welwyn Garden City. Among his achievements there were processes for producing penicillin and riboflavin (vitamin B2), and the discovery of new analgesics such as pethidine.

In 1952 he was appointed professor of chemistry at the Institute of Cancer Research. There the pioneering work of Professor (later Sir) Alexander Haddow and others had established a new class of anti-cancer drug, chemically related to the "mustard gas" of the First World War and, therefore, toxic to some normal tissues.

Bergel sought to improve selectivity against cancer cells by incorporating natural amino acids into drugs, an approach which produced melphalan, still widely used today. He also looked towards a more physiological approach to cancer control.

He was dean of the institute from 1963 to 1966 and, in 1980, gave his name to the institute's library at Sutton.

He published three scientific works: *Chemistry of Enzymes in Cancer* (1961); *All about Drugs* (1970); and, that same year, *Today's Carcinochemotherapy*. He also published, in 1978, a biographical memoir of his old colleague Alexander Haddow.

Bergel was a considerate man who took a keen interest in the welfare of his staff. At Christmas he gave everyone a present, individually chosen. He retired to Jersey in 1966 where, in addition to his writing, he enjoyed painting and sketching.

He married, in 1939, Phyllis Thomas, who survives him. There were no children of the marriage.

GEN FERDINAND von SENGER

General Ferdinand (Deidi) von Senger und Etterlin, who died on January 10 at the age of 63, was Commander of Allied Forces Central Europe from 1979 to 1983.

He had a good war in the Wehrmacht and, when the Bundeswehr was formed, played a role in its development, as part of European defence. In Nato he made a great contribution to tank tactics.

He was born on June 8, 1923. At 17 he joined the Wehrmacht and went to Russia with a mechanized unit.

This was absorbed into the 24th Panzer Divison which took part in the battle for Stalingrad, where it suffered appalling casualties. But Senger was evacuated before the German surrender, and lived to fight another day.

Severely wounded, he continued in tanks, staying with the German retreat into Romania. He was again wounded and had his right arm taken off above the elbow.

In the last days of the war he was at OKW, the German high command, in Berlin, managing to escape to southern Germany and surrender to the Western Allies.

With his military career temporarily over, he went to Göttingen, Zürich and Oxford universities, and in 1953 took a *doctorate in constitutional* law. For the next three years he was at the Ministry of the Interior at Bonn, where he worked on constitutional law problems.

When the Bundeswehr was formed he was one of its first officers.

He made his mark as a tactician in armoured formations. As a battalion commander he was concerned with training units to operate the Bundeswehr's new Leopard tank.

As he rose to Nato command, he developed his notions of countering a potential Soviet offensive in central Europe.

His doctrine, the Counterstroke, was elaborated in a book of that name, *Der Gegenschlag*. This insisted on the need for aggressive mechanized tactics as the best way of countering a heavy Russian offensive.

Senger was hardly loved, but was widely recognized as knowing his stuff. There was much of the military philosopher in his nature, and he lectured widely.

In retirement he devoted himself to his interest in medieval and modern art. He was an accomplished painter as well as being a craftsman in wood and metal.

He leaves a widow, Ebba, three sons and a daughter.

MR IAN HARVEY

Mr Ian Harvey, who died on January 10 at the age of 72, will be remembered as a politician of promise whose career was cut short by a scandal which consigned him to political oblivion.

Within a few years of his election to the Commons, he had become a junior minister. Then the blow fell. An incident with a guardsman in St James's Park on November 19, 1958, led to his being charged with indecency and to his resignation from the government and from Parliament.

In his book, *To Fall Like Lucifer* (1971), he gives a poignant account of the devastating effect of this calamity. He made no bones about the fact that he was homosexual, although he was also devoted to his wife and family.

He accepted the consequences of the action which ended his career and, after a period of total breakdown, was converted to Roman Catholicism.

Nevertheless, he was convinced that homosexuals were the victims of social injustice, and his last years were largely spent advocating the cause of "homosexual equality". At the same time, he never lost his wider interest in politics.

Ian Douglas Harvey was born on January 25, 1914. He was educated at Fettes and Christ Church, Oxford, where he was president of the Union. In the war, he served in the Royal Artillery, ending his wartime service as brigade major of the 100th Anti-Aircraft Brigade in North West Europe. After the war he had a successful career in advertising.

He was elected Conservative MP for Harrow East in 1950, and became secretary to the 1922 Committee in 1955. He was parliamentary secretary to the Ministry of Supply for two months (1956-7), and joint parliamentary under-secretary to the Foreign Office (1957-8).

He married, in 1949, Clare Mayhew, from whom he was later legally separated. There were two daughters of the marriage.

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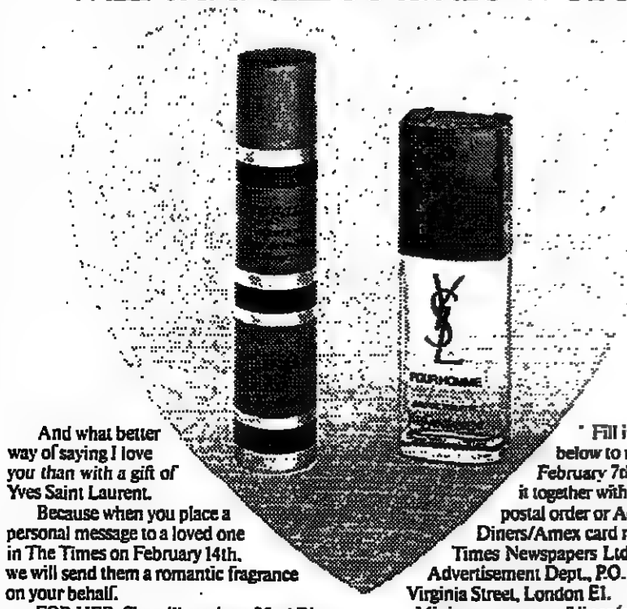

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THE TIMES

BIRTHS, MARRIAGES, DEATHS

For the grace of God that bringeth salvation hath appeared to all men... Titus 2:11

BIRTHS

ANDREW - On January 10th, at Farnborough Hospital, Farnborough, Kent, to Jill (née Pawley) and Martin, a daughter, Katherine Alice Elizabeth.

BLADON - On January 10th, at St Thomas's hospital, London, to Rebecca (née Hall) and Simon, a daughter Camilla.

BYRNE - On January 7th 1987, in Quito Ecuador, to Susan (née Neill) and Terry, a daughter, Sophie Isabel, a sister for Ruth.

CAMPUS - On January 10th 1987, to Virginia (née Moss) and Eric, a son, David José Oliver.

ELLIS - See Parker

EXCELL - On January 11th, at Yeovil Hospital, to Eleanor (née Goodfellow) and Roger, a son, Thomas Henry Ruscombe.

FRANKLAND - On January 11th 1987, to Rachel (née Barber) and Andrew, a son.

HALLIDAY - On January 6th 1987, to Joanna (née Harvey) and Christopher, a son, Frederick James Sherston.

LIPMANN - On January 10th 1987, at Queen Charlotte's Hospital, Hammersmith, to Margaret (née Kwilman) and Anthony, a daughter, Suzannah.

LUMBY - On January 10th, at Wycombe General Hospital, to Diane (née Sawyer) and Roger, a daughter, Laura Catherine, a sister for James.

NORRIS - On January 10th, to Angela and Clive, a son, Alastair, a brother for Timothy.

PARKER - On January 11th, to Kate and Kevin, a daughter Emma Katharine Lindsay.

RAMAGE - On January 8th 1987, to Katy and Nigel, a son, Timothy, a brother for Simon.

SANTA-OLALLA - On January 10th 1987, to Jo and David, another son, Harry Richard Patrick.

SHEE - On January 7th, to Stella (née Bowcock) and Charles, a daughter, Harriet Cordelia.

SIMPSON - On January 7th 1987, to Julia (née Hornor) and James, a son Christopher Richard James

TEADAM - On 11th January 1987, at AMI Portland Hospital, to Kirsten Ann (née Keck) and Murli Motiram Thadani, a daughter, Kayleigh Ann.

TOWERS - On January 9th, at Warrington District General Hospital, to Maria (née McNamara) and Peter, a daughter, Louise Marie.

WORCESTER - On January 10th, at St Richard's Chichester, to Phyllida (née Spicer) and David, a daughter (Rosalind Phyllida).

DEATHS

ABBOTT - On January 7th 1987, Wing Commander Frederick Alan, father of Susan, Christopher and Jonathan, and loving Gra. Funeral Service at Golders Green Cemetery, on Thursday 15th January. Family only. Flowers please to A. France, 45, Lambs Conduit Street, London WC1N 3NH.

AMBLER - On January 7th 1987, peacefully Gloria beloved wife of Roy, loving mother of Jane and Martin and devoted daughter of Hilda Murial Wilson. Funeral service and cremation at Worcester Crematorium (Astwood Road, Worcester), 2pm on Friday January 16th. Flowers and enquiries to R. Ince, Funeral Directors, Bank House, 8 Severn Side South, Bewdley, Worcester Tel: 0299-403108

BIRKIN - On January 10th 1987, at home in Suffolk, Major Geoffrey Ivor, son of the late Philip Austen and Emily Frances Birkin. Service and interment at Wilford Hill Cemetery, West Bridgford, Nottingham on Friday 16th January at 12 noon. No flowers or mourning by request.

CASHIN - On December 22nd 1986, peacefully in Singapore, Sarah, widow of the late A.W. Cashin, of Singapore, aged 91. Beloved and mourned by her children, grandchildren and great grand children.

DAVIES - On January 10th, at St. Winifrede Hospital, Marjorie Ethelred (née Finlay) aged 95 years, of Llandaff, Cardiff. Wife of the late Dr. J.P.H. Davies and mother of Verna, Nigel and the late Hilary. Funeral service at Llanishen Parish Church on Friday at 1.30pm, afterwards interment in the churchyard. Flowers may be sent to James Summers, Roath Court, Newport Road, Cardiff.

DUFFIELD - On January 8th 1987, in hospital, peacefully after a short illness, Geoffrey, aged 60, dearly loved husband of Patricia and devoted father of Hilary and Nicholas. Funeral service at Croydon Crematorium on Friday 16th January at 1pm. Family flowers only please. Donations if wished to Cancer Research.

HARRISON - On January 9th, at home in Cambridge, Mervyn John Hiam, aged 75. Loved father and grandfather.

HARVEY - On January 10th 1987, Ian Douglas. No flowers, no letters, no mourning, no memorial service. Rest in Peace.

HAYNES - On January 10th 1987, peacefully after a short illness, Geoffrey Charles of Tettenhall, Wolverhampton aged 75 years. Husband of the late Winifred Hilda and lovingly remembered by sons Christopher and Robin and all the family. Funeral service, St Michael and All Angels Church, Tettenhall on Tuesday January 20th at 2.00pm, followed by private cremation. Family flowers only. Enquiries to Jennings, Funeral Directors, Wolverhampton 52251.

HICKS - On January 9th 1987, peacefully, Sir Denys Theodore, O.B.E., T.D., D.L., of Damson Cottage, Compton Dando, Bristol, dear husband of Betty, loving father of Sarah, Charlotte, Louise, and Emma, much loved grandfather. Private Cremation. No flowers, donations if desired to Parkinsons Disease Society, 36 Portland Place, London W1N 3DG. Memorial Service at All Saints Church, Publow, on Friday January 16th, at 2.30pm. All enquiries to Albert Batten and Sons Ltd, Funeral Directors, Pensford, Bristol. Tel: Compton Dando (07618) 312

JACKSON-STOPS - On 11th January 1987, Anthony Ashworth (Tony), most beloved husband of Jean and a marvellous father to Timothy, Gervase, Mark and Quentin, father-in-law of Sue and Susie. Funeral at St Lawrence's Church, Towcester on Friday 16th January at 2.45 pm. Family flowers only. Donations to Towcester Parish Church if desired

KEITH - On January 6th 1987, peacefully in her sleep at home in Vancouver, Canada, Beatrice (Tommy), aged 85 years. Beloved wife of the late Charles Keith.

LEVICK - On January 7th 1987, in Alvechurch, near Birmingham, Doctor Percy George (Kim), aged 85, of Bungay, Suffolk. Due to the weather, the Memorial Thanksgiving Service in January is postponed to a date to be announced in the Spring.

MANN - On January 9th 1987, suddenly at Heath Bank Nursing Home, Halifax, W. Yorkshire, Frank Alister Mann in his 91st year. Dearly loved husband of Vera (née Park). Formerly of Highland Boulevards, Leigh-on-Sea, Essex. A loving stepfather of Tim and Judith and a much loved step-grandfather of David, Kathryn and Alastair. Service at The Lawrence Chapel of Rest, Green Haven, Bell Hall, Halifax on Wednesday at 9.30am, followed by Cremation at Park Wood Crematorium, Elland. Family flowers only please, but donations may be sent to the British Heart Foundation appeal c/o 57 Gloucester Place, London, W1H 4DH. Will friends please accept this as the only intimation.

McMICHEN - On January 10th 1987, very suddenly but peacefully at home, Robin Alexander Greig McMichen, beloved and loving husband of Sibbald and adored and wonderful father of Andrew and the late Maggi, greatly loved by their families. Funeral to Mortonhall Crematorium Edinburgh on Wednesday 14th January, arriving at Pentland Chapel at 2.45 pm to which all friends are invited. Family flowers only, donations if desired to Christian Aid.

PLEWS - On January 9th 1987, suddenly and peacefully, Winifred (Stokie) adored wife of Frank. Funeral service at the Downs Crematorium, Brighton, Friday January 16th at 1.30pm. Any enquiries please to W A Stringer and Son, 12 Kensington Gardens, Brighton. Telephone 603806.

ROSEY - On January 10th, peacefully at home, Hilda Mary, beloved wife of the late Arthur Robey and dear mother of Sheila, Deirdre and Peter. Funeral on Friday January 16th at 2pm, St Paul's Church, Hadley Wood. Family flowers only. Donations may be sent to The British Heart Foundation.

SEEBOHM - On January 9th 1987, peacefully at home, 66 Hookhams Lane, Renhold, Bedford, Laurence John William, T.D., S.I.B., aged 82 years. Dearly beloved husband of Ivy, dear father of Michael and David and a much loved grandfather. A private family service will be held at Bedford Crematorium at 2.30pm on Thursday 15th January. Family flowers only. Donations, if desired, for All Saints Church, Renhold may be sent c/o R. Cirlot and Sons, Funeral Directors, Brereton Road, Bedford.

SIMS - On January 8th, peacefully in Pembury Hospital, Joan Mary (née Webb), aged 66 years, widow of Sydney Sims and mother of Hazel, Jill and Martin. No mourning please. No flowers. Donations to N.S.P.C.C Head Office. Private Cremation, followed by Service of Thanksgiving at All Saints Church, Crowborough, on Monday 19th January at 12 noon.

VANDERVELL - On January 10th, suddenly and peacefully in Hospital, Charles Anthony aged 59 years. Adored husband of Audrey and much loved father of Susan and Jane. Funeral Service to be held at St. Anne's, Dropmore Friday 16th January 11.30am. Flowers to be sent to E. Sergeant of Slough or donations to The Game Conservancy.

IN MEMORIAM - PRIVATE

AMBLER - Gloria on January 7th 1987 much loved sister in law of Betty, Richard, Albert and Myra, and loving aunt of Susan and Mark. "In memories gone we will meet every day" God bless, Gloria.

COCKAIN - Gracie. Happy Birthday Mummy. I miss you today and always. Jonie.

MACFARLANE - A service of Thanksgiving for the life of George MacFarlane will be held at the Holy Trinity Church, Brompton on Monday, January 19th at 12 noon.

Science report

Foreign genes may improve crops

By John Newell

British and Swiss scientists have shown it is possible to insert foreign genes into monocotyledons, the class of plants to which nearly all important crops belong.

However, major difficulties have to be overcome before the technique can be used commerically. It seems likely, though, that it will soon be possible to create new varieties of crops such as wheat, rice, maize, millet and sugar cane with improve properties including resistance to insect pests, drought and herbicides.

This will be brought about by the use of genetic engineering allowing scientists to insert foreign genes into plants much more quickly than by the laborious process of conventional plant breeding. It will also be possible to insert a much wider variety of genes, taken from living organisms including bacteria or even animals as well as from plants, rather than from just one single plant species as in conventional plant breeding programmes.

Dr Jeffrey Davies and Dr Margaret Bolton, of the John Innes Institute, near Norwich, and their Swiss colleagues in the Friedrich Miescher-Institut in Basle, Switzerland have shown that the bacterium called Agrobacterium, which causes a conditional analogous to cancer when it infects plants, can be used to transfer foreign genes into the nuclei of the cells of maize, a monocotyledonous plant.

Agrobacterium inserts a portion of its own DNA into the nuclei of the cells it infects so as to force the cells to make food substances on which the bacterium feeds. This provides a natural system for plant genetic engineering. But until recently it has only proved possible to use it to transfer foreign genes into dicotyledons, not into monocotyledons.

The Anglo-Swiss team has taken the genes of a virus which infects maize plant cells, the maize streak virus, and inserted the genes into the part of the DNA of Agrobacterium which is naturally integrated into plant cell nuclei. Maize plants were then inoculated with Agrobacteria which had been treated. The maize plants became infected with the virus.

This could only have happened if the viral genes had become integrated into the host cell nuclei along with the bacterial DNA.

The next step will be to insert useful genes, such as those for resistance to insect pests or to herbicides used to kill weeds, into the viral DNA before inserting it in turn into the bacterial DNA and using this to inoculate maize plants.

The scientists hope it will be possible to use infection with the virus as a marker to show that foreign genes have been successfully integrated into maize cell nuclei. The aim is to render the virus harmless by genetic alterations so that it can be safely used as a marker.

One big hurdle remains to be overcome. Before the technique can be used for commerical genetic engineering, a way will have to be found to regenerate maize and other monocotyledonous plants from single plant cells taken from leaves or roots into which the wanted foreign genes have been implanted.

This is the only way to ensure that the foreign genes are to be found in every cell of the regenerated plant. To date it has proved impossible to regenerate monocotyledonous plants from single cells although it has been done for dicotyledons.

Source: *Nature*, vol 325, p 177.

School announcements

Abbots Bromley
Lent Term at Abbots Bromley (School of St Mary and St Anne) (Woodard Corporation) begins today and ends on March 25. Gemma Vernon remains head girl. Confirmation is on March 1. The London meeting of the guild is on March 14. The senior choir will sing evensong in Lichfield Cathedral on March 11. Shakespeare's *King John* in the Beanfoy Theatre on the evenings of March 17, 18, 19 and 21. Applications for sixth form scholarships and places should be made by January 30. The sixth form entrance examination will be held on Monday, February 16.

Bedford High School
Spring Term at Bedford High School begins today and ends on March 26, 1987. The wind concert is on Tuesday, March 3, and the gym display is on March 12 and 13. Junior entrance assessments are on January 24 (8+), January 28 (7+) and January 31 (9+ and 10+); senior entrance and assisted place examinations are on February 7.

Belmont Abbey School
Term at Belmont Abbey School began on Monday, January 12, with solemn Mass of the Holy Spirit. Half term will be from Saturday, February 7, to Wednesday, February 11. Exeat weekend will be March 7 and 8. Term ends on Friday, March 27. First examinations for September 11+ entry are on Saturday, February 7. Pupils and parents retreat is from Thursday, April 16, to Easter Sunday.

City of London School
Spring Term at the City of London School begins today and ends on April 1. Princess Anne will open the new school buildings on Thursday, March 19. Entrance and scholarship examinations will be held on February 2, 3 and 4. The Spring concert will be given on Saturday, March 7, and there will be four performances of

Cobham Hall
Spring Term at Cobham Hall begins today with Natasha Gordon-Dean as the guardian. The Bishop of Rochester will officiate at the confirmation service on Friday, March 13, and the school play will be performed on Wednesday, March 25. Term ends on March 26.

Dean Close School
The first term of the second hundred years of Dean Close School begins today. Stephen Chua is head of school and Helen Pike is the senior girl prefect. The Lent addresses will begin on February 2 and will be given by Mr Michael Battison. The choir sings evensong in Carlisle Cathedral on February 28 in memory of the former Dean, Francis Close. Old Decanian day is March 7, confirmation by the Bishop of Gloucester is on March 15 and the choral society performs Handel's *Messiah* on March 22.

Dover College
Term begins today at Dover College and Dover College Junior School. Old Dovorian day is Sunday, March 1. Confirmation Sunday is March 8. The school play, *A Midsummer Night's Dream*, will be performed in the refectory from Wednesday, March 11, to Saturday, March 14. Terms ends on Saturday, March 21.

Harrogate College
Harrogate College reopens today for the Spring Term with 400 girls, 97 in the sixth form. Anna-Rosa Calvert is head of school. Half term is from February 12 to February 17 and term ends on April 1.

Leighton Park School, Reading
Spring Term at Leighton Park School begins today and ends on Saturday, March 21. The entrance scholarship examinations will be held on February 16, 17 and 18. Haydn's *Creation* will be performed on February 7, and Brecht's *The Good Person of Szechwan* will be performed from March 12 to March 14.

St Edmund's School, Canterbury
Lent Term at St Edmund's School, Canterbury, begins today with 397 boys and 88 girls on the roll. Paul Mitchell (Warneford) is captain of hockey; the old boys' matches will be played on March 1. There will be a ball on February 14 and a piano recital by Eileen Broster on March 7, both in aid of the sports hall appeal. The Archbishop of Canterbury will officiate at confirmation on February 28. The junior school play, *Sweeney Todd*, will be performed from March 12 to 14. Term ends on March 28.

St Peter's School, York
Term begins at St Peter's School, York, today. The choral society will perform Haydn's *Nelson Mass* on February 25. The sixth form entrance examination is on March 7. Term ends on March 28.

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LEGAL NOTICES

IN THE RECORDER'S COURT FOR THE DIVISION OF LONDONDERRY (NORTHERN IRELAND) BY THE RECORDER OF LONDONDERRY

IN THE MATTER OF THE PARTITION ACTS 1868-1876 AND THE TRUSTEE ACT (NI) 1958

BETWEEN:

GEORGE FOSTER,
retired farmer, of Lower Cranagh, Londonderry, Northern Ireland
and
NORTHERN BANK LIMITED of Donegall Square West, Belfast, Northern Ireland

Plaintiffs

AND:
GEORGE BENSON FOSTER
whose description and address are unknown

Defendant

TAKE NOTICE that the sittings at which this action is intended to be dealt with will commence on 20th February, 1987 and will be held at the Courthouse, Bishop Street, Londonderry, Northern Ireland.

The Defendant therefore is hereby required to appear at the aforesaid Court at the hour of 10.30 a.m. on Friday 27th day of February, 1987.

Dated this 31st day of December, 1986
Signed T.E.W. HUEY AND COMPANY
Solicitors for the Plaintiffs
37 Clarendon Street, Londonderry, Northern Ireland BT48 7ER.

THE MILLARD REED PARTNERSHIP LIMITED

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to section 98 of the Insolvency Act 1986, that a MEETING of the CREDITORS of the above-named company will be held at 1 Wardrobe Place, Carter Lane, St Pauls, London EC4V 5AJ on 28 January 1987 at 11.45 am for the purposes mentioned in sections 99 to 101 of the said Act. A list of the names and addresses of the company's creditors may be inspected free of charge at 1 Wardrobe Place, Carter Lane, St Pauls, London EC4V 5AJ between 10 am and 4pm on 26 January 1987 and 27 January 1987.

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DATED this 6th day of January 1987
BY ORDER OF THE BOARD
SHEILA GILLAN
DIRECTOR

IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUSTICE CHANCERY DIVISION COMPANIES COURT
IN THE MATTER OF PARK LANE SAFE DEPOSIT COMPANY (IN LIQUIDATION)
NOTICE TO SAFE DEPOSIT BOX HOLDERS

A winding-up order was made against the above-named company by the High Court on 10 November 1986 and I am the Provisional Liquidator.

Will all persons having rental contracts with the company contact me to arrange for the removal of the contents of the safe deposit boxes.

The company has ceased trading and I can accept no responsibility for the security of the premises or the boxes.

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Dated 7th January 1987
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Arctic weather likely to continue all this week

Struggling motorists at the Farthing Corner service area on the M2 photographed by Harry Kerr and (right) a walk to work along a snowbound road for people in Sittingbourne, Kent

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in Scotland was -17C at Aviemore in the Highlands. Edinburgh airport was closed in the morning while snow was cleared from the runway.

Large parts of Northern Ireland had up to six inches of snow, with forecasts that temperatures could fall to -10C today.

In Lincolnshire, an outdoor skating championship at Baston Fen, near Spalding, was cancelled because there was too much snow on the ice.

At London Zoo, lion keepers kept the animals indoors to prevent them escaping when the moats surrounding their enclosures froze. Elephants were given warm baths to stave off hypothermia.

In Blyth, Northumberland, the snow trapped burglars who had raided a supermarket. Their footprints led police to their hideout.

In Switzerland, the village of La Brevine recorded a record low temperature for the country of -41.8C. The village lies on an exposed plain known as the *Siberia of* Switzerland, more than 3,000 ft above sea level near the French border.

Parts of Norway were colder than the North Pole yesterday. The Norwegian ice skating championships at Hamar were cancelled because officials considered temperatures of -30C too dangerous to the contestants. Doctors there warned people against taking hot drinks immediately after coming in from the extreme cold, to avoid cracking tooth enamel.

In Budapest, Hungary, two people died and eight were injured when two cogwheel trains collided in a blizzard on a hill.

As the Soviet Union suffered its coldest January on record, 29 people died in thier homes in the southern republic of Georgia. According to the official news agency, Tass, many villages and towns were cut off by snow and children were being ferried to and from school by helicopter.

Thirteen people died in the eastern Turkish province of Tunceli when their homes *collapsed under snow.*

More than a 100 old people may die of cold each day in Britain unless the Government acts now to help them keep warm, the charity Age Concern said yesterday.

The warning came as the first exceptionally severe weather (ESW) payments were triggered at Galashiels in the Borders, entitling local residents to an extra £5 to help with heating bills.

Launching an appeal for cash and fuel stamps, Mr David Hobman, director of Age Concern England, said that last year 109 elderly people died every day from cold related illnesses last year, 13,000 more deaths than normal in the 17 coldest weeks.

"The same will happen this year unless the Government acts immediately by raising the trigger temperatures from -1.5 degrees Celsius to zero, so that more people qualify for payments," he said.

He also suggested that ESW payments should be calculated on a rolling seven-day period rather than the present restriction of a Monday to Sunday period.

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Hypothermia deaths, page 5

Prince resigns from Marines

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Sandringham on Sunday morning, although it is clear that he had made up his mind a week beforehand, and refused to bow to parental pressure to complete his one-year training course. While the rest of the Royal Family went to church the Prince drove back to Lympstone, calling at Buckingham Palace to collect uniform and equipment.

On his last day in the service yesterday the Prince formally told his commanding officer, Colonel Ian Moore, that his mind was made up to leave, signed the necessary documents severing his connection with the Marines, handed back his uniform and equipment to the quartermaster, collected his final pay slip, and shook hands with senior officers, including his training officer Major Paul Bancroft, and fellow trainee officers in the Lympstone officers' mess. He then left driving his own silver Rover Vitesse car, accompanied by his personal detective and followed by a police car, for an unknown destination.

Speaking to reporters shortly afterwards, Colonel Moore said that the Marines felt regret at the Prince's decision, but they respected it. "We fully understand his reasons and I speak for all ranks in wishing him the very best of good fortune in the future."

Asked if the Prince had resigned because of a physical problem, Colonel Moore said: "He was doing well in his training. He was respected by his instructors who all had a lot of time for him and he had all the physical ability to complete his training satisfactorily, indeed well."

Colonel Moore said he had initially been surprised at the decision, but he now understood the Prince's reasons. He would not divulge what was discussed when the Prince went through the normal counselling procedure with senior officers.

Marine officers are concerned at the impact the Prince's resignation will have on his fellow trainee officers, and on recruitment to the service. Three of the 36 trainees in Prince Edward's intake of Young Officers' Batch 86 have left or are considering resignation. Colonel Moore said that was a wastage rate "that we have to live with."

There is disappointment in the Marines that Prince Edward did not complete his year's training course, after which he could have resigned with honour. Had he remained in the Service he would have served a nine-year commission.

There will also be disappointment among Prince Edward's family, felt most keenly by his father, who numbers among his many honorary appointments that of Captain-General of the Royal Marines.

Inquiry begins in Spain over 'dream home' complaints

From Richard Wigg, Madrid

A lawyer working on behalf of the European Parliament will today start listening to complaints of foreigners in Spain, many of them Britons, who purchased property there and allege developers have defrauded them by breaking the contracts.

Often, they complain, they find themselves thousands of pounds worse off and with many legal headaches.

The investigation is part of a campaign initiated by Mr Edward McMillan-Scott a British Euro MP, after listening to the complaints of many foreign purchasers of "dream retirement homes" in southern Europe.

The lawyer, whose visit begins at Javea, near Benidorm, will proceed during the week down Spain's Mediterranean coast to Nerja, near Malaga, visiting various new developments known in Spain as *urbanizaciones.*

Foreign residents who have made complaints have been urged to attend their nearest local meeting with the lawyer by a recently created pressure group, the Foreign Property Owner's Institute, in Calpe, near Alicante, whose chairman is Mr Per Svensen, a Norwegian who retired to Spain.

The lawyer is expected to hear immediately from a group of Britons over what is, according to the Norwegian yesterday, "only the latest but not the worst case of foreign purchasers being taken for a ride" by unscrupulous developers.

Britons who have purchased bungalows in part of an *urbanizacion* in Javea have joined forces in instructing a Spanish lawyer.

They say they have found out that Spain's Banco Hipotecario is demanding mortgage payment from them on their property when, they allege, the original contracts clearly stipulated the mortgage would be met by the developer.

Four of the proprietors complain they are now facing unredeemed mortgages amounting to more than 1,400,000 pesetas (about £7,000) on their property.

A total of 39 homes have unpaid mortgages and 40 more are under a bank embargo because, they allege, the developing company has not responded. Four other homes have been paid for but building not been started, and the developing company has gone into official receivership, the proprietors claim.

The proprietors group put themselves in contact with Mr McMillan Scott, who will be joining the lawyer on his tour.

Mr Svensen claimed that there are many cases elsewhere where Spanish developers had abandoned their customers in a similar way.

Señor Enrique Blas, mayor of Javea, was quoted yesterday as saying that the Spanish Government could not be expected to pay the debt the developing company had with the bank, but he expressed surprise at the way the bank had put out its funds.

Weinberger warning against defence cuts

From Christopher Thomas, Washington

Mr Caspar Weinberger, the US Defence Secretary, yesterday warned Congress that a cut in Washington's defence budget could result in reduced defence expenditure by its European allies as well as help "western European factions" that advocated dangerous defence policies.

He said the security of the free world required the allies to "do their fair share". America would continue to coax greater effort from them and should continue to lead by example. It would be difficult to call for a greater response from the allies if at the same time Washington cut defence expenditure.

"As we work to get our allies to do more, we should not be tempted out of frustration to do less ourselves. Such short-sighted action can very well result in lesser, not greater, allied defence effort. It would also, of course, play directly into Soviet hands".

Mr Weinberger was giving testimony to the Senate Armed Services Committee on Mr Reagan's proposed 7.7 per-cent increase in defence spending, providing a total defence budget of $312 billion for the year beginning next October.

THE TIMES INFORMATION SERVICE

Today's events

Royal engagements

The Duke of Edinburgh, President of World Wildlife Fund International, attends a concert in aid of WWF at the Palais des Beaux Arts, Brussels, B.

The Princess of Wales, Patron of the National Rubella Council, attends a reception for members of Asian communities at the Royal Society of Medicine, 1 Wimpole Street, London W1, 5.

New exhibitions

Artists from the South; John Hansard Gallery, Southampton University, Mon to Sat 10 to 6 (ends Feb 21).

Exhibitions in progress

Watercolours from the permanent collection; Victoria Art Gallery, Bridge St, Bath. Mon to Fri 10 to 6, Sat 10 to 5. (ends Jan 31).

Robert Harris 1849-1919: Turner House, Plymouth Rd, Penarth. Tues to Sat 11 to 12.45 and 2 to 5, Sun 2 to 5 (ends Jan 24).

Music

Organ recital by Malcolm Archer; Bristol Cathedral, College Green, 1.15.

BBC Welsh Symphony Orchestra; 1; and *The War of the Worlds* performed by the New Glamorgan Philharmonic Orchestra and Rock Band; St David's Hall, The Hayes, Cardiff, 7.30.

Violin recital by Sigiswald Kuijken; Robinson College Chapel, Cambridge, 8.

Organ recital by Simon Lindley; Town Hall, Leeds, 1.05.

Lunchtime concert; Usher Gallery, Lindum Rd, Lincoln, 1.

Talks, films and lectures

You Can't Beat Bones: talk by Jenny Coy, Head of the Faunal Remains Project, Southampton University; The King's House, 65 The Close, Salisbury, 7.30.

Wild Flowers of the Wild West, talk by Mrs J. Osborne; Birmingham and Midland Institute, Margaret St, Birmingham, 7.

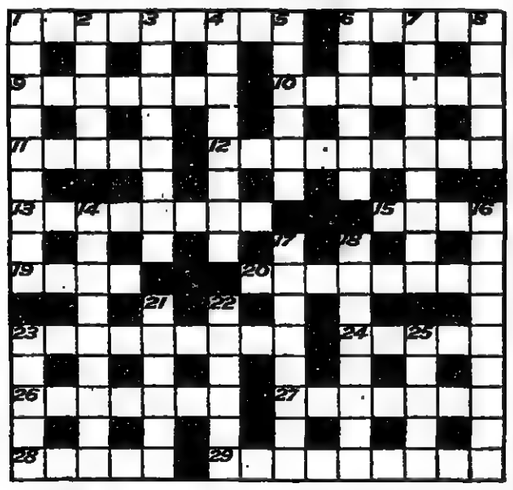
Film: *The Good Father*; Plymouth Arts Centre, 38 Looe St, 8.

Vikings in Cumbria, illustrated lecture by Dr W Rollinson of Liverpool University; Victoria Hall, Grange-Over-Sands, Cumbria, 7.15.

Promiscuous Plants, lecture by Professor C. A. Stace, professor of Plant Taxonomy; Bennett Lecture Theatre 1, University Rd, Leicester, 5.15.

Adultery, Charivari, and Political Allegory in an Early-14th century Roman, by Professor Elizabeth A R Brown, of the University of New York; Faculty Room S, David Hume Tower, Edinburgh University, George Sq, 4.15.

The Times Crossword Puzzle No 17,252



ACROSS

1 Youth with a type of cartoon fish (9).
6 Guardian accommodating many points of view? (5).
9 A Roman country contains only the strawberry-tree (7).
10 Drive back, about beat (7).
11 Supplier of Samson's meat — bit of a riddle (5).
12 Bird, fish or soldier of incomparable heroism (9).
13 Such displays of music and drama are back in the eye (8).
15 One in a nest was quiet (4).
19 Record the end of the race (4).
20 Constant as this, Caesar said he was (4,4).
23 Ceremonial march when king leaves Stoke Poges, perhaps (5-4).
24 Harris's uncle suckled by a she-wolf? (5).
26 Daily,' to which a journalist returns for a bit of wordplay (7).
27 Take road into Italy perhaps after due time (7).
28 Character from 22 turns a stone round (5).
29 Explosive material from an old sailor boy, we hear (9).

DOWN

1 A Scot unhappily without a drink? Who gets the blame? (9).
2 Being mechanical Leander and Hero both take part (5).
3 Safe to criticize one who wouldn't grow up (5,3).
4 Under the party in office I gain unusual status symbols (8).
5 "Queen rose of the rosebud — of girls" (Tennyson) (6).
6 What's heard at Lord's, or by them, say? (6).
7 Gad about with ladies' man about tea-time perhaps (9).
8 Weapon by the side of the family tree (5).
14 I see no gap anyway, looking through a keyhole (9).
13 Such displays of music and drama are back in the eye (8).
16 Columns made fairy-fashion (9).
17 This ship a lot damaged (shouldn't be by enemy action) (8).
18 Rent reduction should avoid this sad reaction (4-4).
21 State in which one river flows the wrong way (6).
22 Capital egg supplier in wartime service (6).
23 A lizard, initially observers know, can easily grip when climbing (5).
25 Witticism going around is a bit wet (5).

Solution to Puzzle No 17,251

Concise Crossword page 10

Snow code for drivers

The AA advises drivers who are stranded in snow to:

- Stay inside the vehicle.
- Tie a marker to the top of the car aerial.
- Ensure that an air channel is kept open.
- Keep the air fresh by regularly opening windows on the side away from the wind.
- Only run the engine if the exhaust pipe can be kept clear.
- Use all available material, like newspapers, to keep warm, and keep feet off the floor.
- Preserve energy and make no unnecessary movements.
- Join others in the vehicle best able to keep warm or in the best position for rescuers, if stranded in a group of motorists.
- Listen to radio reports.
- Remember that trying to reach a telephone through deep snow and intense cold can be dangerously exhausting.

Drivers are also advised to carry a shovel, wellingtons, warm clothing including a hat, blankets, warm drinks, chocolates and sweets.

Roads

London and the South-east: Essex: Single line traffic and temporary lights at Langley Vale Rd. A245: Single line traffic and temporary lights at Cobham High St. A22: Resurfacing work between Boars Green and Ockley village, Surrey, with temporary lights between 7.30 and 4 pm.

The Midlands: M5: Work between junctions 5 (Droitwich) and 6 (Worcester) with southbound traffic reduced to a single lane. A456: Bypass work W of Bewdley, Hereford and Worcester, with rush hour delays. A58: Delays for drivers travelling between Shrewsbury and Newcastle-under-Lyme, caused by work between Hodnet and Tern Hill.

The North: M1 South Yorkshire: Work between junctions 31 and 33, diversions, and slip roads at junctions 31 and M1/M18 link closed at times. M61 Greater Manchester: Link road from A34 junction 10 to M62 northbound reduced to a single lane. A688: Work at Bishop Auckland bypass, Co Durham.

Wales and the West: M5: Restrictions and closures between junctions 24 (Minehead) and 27 (Tiverton). A303: Contraflow on Marsh bypass between Honiton and Ilminster, Devon. A31: Temporary lights at Red Post between Wimborne and Bere Regis, Dorset.

Scotland: M8 Strathclyde: Outside lane closures in both directions from 9.30 to 4 pm between junctions 11 (Stepps Rd) and 14 (Blochairn Rd). A702 Lothian: Restrictions for northbound traffic on Lothian Rd between Morrison St and West Approach Rd. A96 Nairnshire: Single line traffic and temporary lights E of Aldearn.

Information supplied by the AA

Anniversaries

Deaths: Edmund Spenser, poet, London, 1599; George Fox, founder of the Society of *Friends, London 1674*; Stephen Collins Foster, song writer, New York, 1864; James Joyce, novelist and poet, Zurich, 1941; Hubert Humphrey, 38th vice-president of the USA, 1965-69, Waverley, Minnesota, 1978.

The Independent Labour Party was formed, 1893.

Parliament today

Commons (2.30): Debate on the Army.

Lords (2.30): Debtors (Scotland) Bill, second reading. Northern Ireland (Emergency Provisions) Act 1978 (Continuance) (No 3) Order. Animals (Scotland) Bill, second reading.

The pound

	Bank Buys	Bank Sells
Australia $	2.31	2.19
Austria Sch	20.65	19.55
Belgium Fr	62.30	58.90
Canada $	2.10	2.01
Denmark Kr	11.28	10.60
Finland Mkk	7.48	6.90
France Fr	9.74	9.24
Germany Dm	2.95	2.79
Greece Dr	234	214
Hong Kong $	11.90	11.30
Ireland Pt	1.085	1.035
Italy Lira	2165	1965
Japan Yen	246	232
Netherlands Gld	3.325	3.145
Norway Kr	11.32	10.72
Portugal Esc	228	210
South Africa Rd	4.35	3.55
Spain Pta	190.25	180.25
Sweden Kr	10.38	9.83
Switzerland Fr	2.45	2.32
USA $	1.548	1.478
Yugoslavia Dnr	950	740

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Retail Price Index: 381.7

London: The *FT* index closed up 3 at 1385.4.

TV top ten

National top ten television programmes in the week ending December 28:

BBC 1
1 EastEnders Part 2 (Thurs/Sun) 30.15m
2 EastEnders Part 1 (Thurs/Sun) 29.55m
3 EastEnders (Tues/Sun) 23.90m
4 Just Good Friends 20.75m
5 Only Fools and Horses 18.75m
6 Last of the Summer Wine 16.30m
7 Russ Abbot Christmas Show 16.05m
8 'Allo 'Allo 14.80m
9 Tootsie 14.00m
10 Educating Rita 13.90m

ITV
1 Coronation Street (Mon) Granada 15.15m
2 The Spy Who Loved Me ITV 14.80m
3 Dumbo ITV 14.10m
4 Coronation Street (Wed) Granada 13.85m
5 Bullseye Special Central 13.25m
6 Surprise Surprise LWT 13.05m
7 Clive James On Television LWT 12.70m
8 North and South (Mon) ITV 12.65m
8 A Duty Free Christmas Yorkshire 12.65m
8 Fire and Ice LWT 12.65m

BBC2
1 All Passion Spent (Tues/Sat) 4.45m
2 Gulliver's Travels 4.25m
3 No Limits (Mon/Sun) 4.30m
4 Sophie's Choice 4.20m
5 1941 4.15m
6 Cool It 3.90m
7 Season's Greetings 3.55m
8 International Cricket (Fri) 3.25m
9 Tomorrow's World 21st Birthday Special 3.10m
10 In Which We Serve 2.95m
10 The Charlie Brown and Snoopy Show 2.95m

Channel 4
1 Brookside (Mon/Sat) 5.90m
2 Brookside (Tues/Sat) 5.85m
3 The Snowman 3.50m
4 Comedians Do It On Stage 3.15m
4 Rebecca 3.15m
6 American Football 3.10m
7 Cliff From the Hip 2.80m
8 Guys and Dolls 2.10m
9 Gardener's Roadshow 2.05m
10 Blue Guards Brass 1.90m
10 The Queen and Her Ceremonial Horses 1.90m
10 Hi Silver Brass 1.90m

Breakfast television: The average weekly figures for audiences at peak times (with figures in parenthesis showing the reach - the number of people who viewed for at least three minutes): BBC1: *Breakfast Time*: Mon to Fri 1.4m (8.5m)
TV-am: *Good Morning Britain* Mon to Fri 3.4m (15.4m) Sat 2.3m (5.3m) Sun 1.8m

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WEATHER

A cold E or NE airflow will cover the country. It will be very cold everywhere with temperatures staying below freezing and severe frost at night. Eastern areas of England will have a lot of cloud. There will be snow showers and a spell of more persistent snow, with the snow settling, in the afternoon and evening. Central S England, the Channel Islands, the Midlands and NW England will have some sunshine and snow showers with more continuous snow in the evening. SW England, Wales, the Isle of Man, N Ireland and western Scotland will be sunny at times with snow showers. Eastern Scotland, Orkney and Shetland will have a little sunshine and snow showers, some heavy.

HIGH TIDES

TODAY	AM	HT	PM	HT
London Bridge	12.36	6.3	1.02	6.3
Aberdeen	12.12	3.6	12.29	3.9
Avonmouth	6.05	11.7	6.32	11.8
Belfast	10.04	3.3	10.27	3.1
Cardiff	5.50	10.6	6.17	10.9
Devonport	4.34	5.0	4.57	4.9
Dover	10.07	5.9	10.34	6.1
Falmouth	4.04	4.8	4.27	4.7
Glasgow	11.35	4.6	-	-
Harwich	10.54	3.5	11.13	3.5
Holyhead	9.29	5.0	9.46	4.9
Hull	5.18	6.3	5.39	6.5
Ilfracombe	4.52	7.9	5.15	8.0
Leith	1.27	4.8	1.52	4.9
Liverpool	10.16	8.3	10.37	8.3
Lowestoft	8.44	2.1	8.51	2.3
Margate	11.05	4.2	11.20	4.4
Milford Haven	5.16	6.1	5.37	6.0
Newquay	4.08	6.1	4.28	6.1
Oban	4.53	3.4	5.18	3.5
Penzance	3.35	5.1	3.58	4.9
Portland	5.32	1.8	6.10	1.8
Portsmouth	10.23	4.2	10.58	4.2
Shoreham	10.08	5.4	10.40	5.5
Southampton	9.55	4.0	10.27	4.1
Swansea	5.15	8.3	5.39	8.3
Tees	2.36	4.7	2.54	4.9
W'ton-on-Nze	10.49	3.7	11.11	3.8

Tide measured in metres: 1m=3.2808ft.

AROUND BRITAIN

	Sun hrs	Rain in	Max C	Max F	
Scarboro	-	-	-1	30	bright
Bridlington	1.0	.02	-8	27	sn shwr
Cromer	0.8	*	-1	30	snow
Lowestoft	0.5	.30	-4	25	snow
Clacton	0.5	.19	-2	28	snow
Southend	*	*	-1	30	snow
Margate	*	*	-4	25	snow
Folkestone	-	.04	-3	27	snow
Hastings	2.5	.02	-4	25	snow
Eastbourne	1.9	.02	-3	27	snow
Brighton	0.1	.02	-4	25	snow
Worthing	7.0	-	-3	27	snow
Littlehmptn	5.9	-	-2	28	snow
Bognor R	6.6	-	-3	27	sunny
Southsea	5.9	-	0	32	sunny
Sandown	5.9	-	-2	28	sunny
Shanklin	5.1	-	-3	27	sunny
Bournemth	6.3	-	-1	30	sunny
Poole	7.2	-	-2	28	sunny
Swanage	5.1	-	-1	30	snow
Weymouth	6.2	-	-2	28	sunny
Exmouth	4.7	-	-2	28	sunny
Teignmouth	3.0	-	-1	30	cloudy
Torquay	0.1	-	-1	30	snow
Falmouth	*	-	1	34	cloudy
Penzance	-	-	2	36	cloudy
Scilly Isles	-	.02	3	37	sleet
Jersey	2.1	.01	-1	30	snow
Guernsey	0.7	.03	1	34	snow
Newquay	-	-	-1	30	cloudy
Ilfracombe	*	-	-2	28	sunny
B'pool Airpt	6.7	-	-3	27	sunny
Morecambe	5.0	-	-3	27	sunny
Douglas	1.0	-	-2	28	bright
B'ham Airpt	3.9	-	-3	27	snow
Bristol (Ctl)	7.3	-	-2	28	sunny
Carlisle	5.8	-	-3	27	snow
London	2.5	-	-3	27	bright
Manchester	5.7	-	-3	27	snow
N'cstl-n-Tyne	2.6	.01	-3	27	sn shwr
Nottingham	3.4	-	-5	23	sn shwr
Anglesey	6.0	-	-2	28	sunny
Cardiff (Ctl)	5.7	-	-3	27	sunny
Colwyn Bay	*	-	-2	28	snow
Tenby	5.2	-	-1	30	sunny
Aberdeen	-	.17	-3	27	snow
Edinburgh	3.5	-	-2	28	snow
Eskdalemuir	2.0	.02	-5	23	snow
Glasgow	5.6	-	-2	28	sunny
Kinloss	5.8	-	-2	28	sunny
Lerwick	-	-	-2	28	snow
Prestwick	6.4	-	-2	28	sunny
Stornoway	5.9	.12	2	36	sleet
Tiree	3.3	.04	1	34	sunny
Wick	0.6	.02	-1	30	shower
Belfast	4.7	-	0	32	snow

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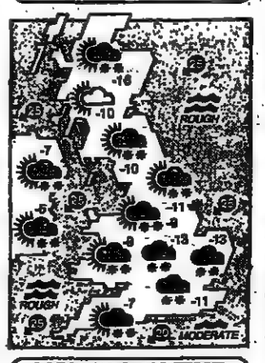

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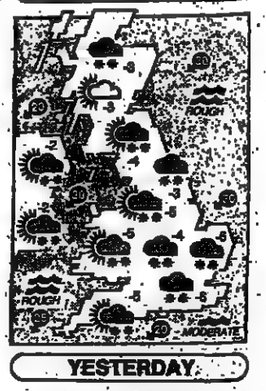


LIGHTING-UP TIME

London 4.47 pm to 7.31 am
Bristol 4.57 pm to 7.40 am
Edinburgh 4.37 pm to 8.06 am
Manchester 4.46 pm to 7.49 am
Penzance 5.15 pm to 7.41 am

YESTERDAY

Temperatures at midday yesterday: c, cloud; f, fair; r, rain; s, sun.

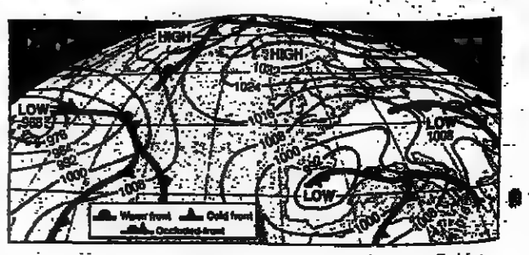
		C	F			C	F
Belfast	s	-5	23	Guernsey	s	-7	19
B'ham	f	-7	19	Inverness	f	-5	21
Blackpool	s	-5	23	Jersey	s	-7	19
Bristol	sn	-7	19	London	s	-7	19
Cardiff	sn	-7	19	M'chester	s	-5	21
Edinburgh	sn	-4	25	Newcastle	sn	-4	25
Glasgow	sn	-5	21	R'ndalway	c	-3	27

LONDON

Yesterday: Temp: max 6 am to 6 pm, -4C (25F); min 6 pm to 6 am, -8C (18F). Humidity: 6 pm, 64 per cent. Rain: 24hr to 6 pm, 0.02 in. Sun: 24 hr to 6 pm, 6.6 hr. Bar, mean sea level, 6 pm, 1022.5 millibars, falling.
1,000 millibars=29.53in.

Sun rises: 8.02 am | Sun sets: 4.17 pm
Moon sets: 7.35 am | Moon rises: 2.11 pm
Full moon January 15

NOON TODAY



ABROAD

MIDDAY: c, cloud; d, drizzle; f, fair; fg, fog; r, rain; s, sun; sn, snow; t, thunder.

		C	F			C	F			C	F			C	F
Ajaccio	s	6	43	Cologne	f	10	14	Majorca	f	11	52	Rome*	c	-5	41
Akrotiri	s	17	63	C'phagn	s	13	9	Malaga	d	9	48	Salzburg	s	14	7
Alex'dria	s	18	64	Corfu	f	13	55	Malta	f	14	57	S Frisco*	c	4	39
Algiers	s	17	63	Dublin	sn	-8	27	Melb'rne	s	20	68	Santiago*	s	28	82
Amst'dm	s	-7	19	Dubrovnik	r	6	43	Mexico C*	fg	9	48	S Paulo*		24	75
Athens	s	16	61	Faro	r	14	57	Miami*	s	-21	70	Seoul	sn	-6	21
Bahrain*	s	17	63	Florence	f	2	36	Milan	s	-4	25	Sing'pore*	s	24	75
Barbados*	f	27	81	Frankfurt	sn	11	12	Montreal*	sn	-3	27	Strasb'rg	sn	13	9
Barcelona	c	4	39	Funchal	f	20	68	Moscow	sn	27	-17	Sydney	c	23	73
Beirut				Geneva	f	12	10	Munich	sn	16	3	Tangier	r	17	63
Belgrade	sn	12	10	Gibraltar	c	13	55	Nairobi	s	25	77	Tel aviv	s	17	63
Berlin	sn	11	12	Helsinki	s	30	-22	Naples	c	8	46	Tenerife	s	22	72
Bermuda*	f	23	73	Hong K	s	20	68	N Delhi	s	18	64	Tokyo	c	4	39
Biarritz	sn	-4	25	Innsbruck	s	14	7	N York*	r	3	37	Toronto*	c	-3	26
Borde'x	c	-8	18	Istanbul	s	13	55	Nice	f	3	37	Valencia	r	14	57
Boul'ne				Jeddah	f	32	90	Oslo	s	15	5	Vanc'ver*	s	7	45
Brussels	f	11	12	Jo'burg*	f	23	73	Paris				Venice	s	-4	25
Budapest	f	17	1	Karachi	c			Peking*	s	-3	27	Vienna	sn	14	7
B Aires*	f	28	82	L Palmas	s	20	68	Perth	s	28	82	Warsaw	s	-4	25
Cairo	s	19	66	Lisbon	f	15	59	Prague	sn	17	1	Wellngn	sn	15	5
Cape Tn	s	23	73	Locarno	s	-3	27	Reykjvik	r	3	37	Winnipeg*	sn	6	43
C'blanca	c	19	66	L Angeles*	s	19	66	Rhodes	f	16	61	Zagreb*	c	21	70
Chicago*	f	-1	30	Luxembg	f	13	9	Rio de J	f	29	84	Zurich	s	17	1
Ch'church	f	20	68	Madrid	r	1	34	Riyadh	s	17	63				

These are Sunday's figures
*Figures not available

* denotes Sunday's figures are latest available

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STOCK MARKET

FT 30 Share
1389.4 (+3.0)

FT-SE 100
1755.6 (+3.3)

Bargains
42778 (47658)

USM (Datastream)
n/a

THE POUND

US Dollar
1.4900 (+0.0120)

W German mark
2.8161 (-0.0157)

Trade-weighted
68.9 (+0.1)

US profit record for NatWest

National Westminster's North Amercian subsidiary, NatWest Bank USA, yesterday announced record pretax profits of $101 million (£67.8 million) for 1986. Earnings after tax rose to $67.7 million, an increase of 24 per cent.

NatWest said it was the sixth successive year in which the subsidiary's earnings had increased. It is one of the most successful of retail banking ventures undertaken in the US by British banks.

Profit leap

F H Tomkins, the industrial holding company, made pretax profits in the six months to November 1 of £9.3 million compared with £2.4 million in the previous first half.

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Ellis climbs

Ellis & Everard, the Yorkshire chemicals distributor, announced results for the six months to the end of October up 68 per cent from £2 million to £3.3 million. Turnover rose from £47.6 million to £66.5 million. An interim dividend of 2.5p was declared.

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Ratners gem

First interim results at Ratners since the acquisition of its main competitor, H Samuel, showed turnover at Britain's biggest jewellery chain jumped 32 per cent to £55.2 million. Pretax profits for the half year to October 6 1986 were £2.2 million, compared with a £159,000 loss in the previous year. The dividend was increased by 0.25p to 1p net.

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Mowlem boost

John Mowlem, the expanding construction company, has liquidated the recently acquired Glasgow Stockholders' Trust. The sale, to Morgan Stanley International, raised £55 million net of expenses.

THF promise

HAPPY EATER
FAMILY RESTAURANTS

Trusthouse Forte has given the Department of Trade and Industry undertakings not to sell any part of the Happy Eater chain acquired from Hanson Trust last July, and to run the business separately from the rest of the group, until the Monopolies Commission inquiry is complete.

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Spending spree bigger than expected

High St boom breaks record

By David Smith, Economics Correspondent

The high street boom in the run-up to Christmas was even stronger than originally thought, according to new official figures. But there was some easing in the growth of credit.

The index of retail sales volume in November is now estimated at 126.4 (1980 =100) which is higher than the provisional estimate of 126.1 and 2.6 per cent higher than in October, *the previous record*.

Retailers report a good December although officials at the Department of Trade and Industry were cautious about assessing the prospects for the official statistics in December.

Retail sales in November were 7.5 per cent up on a year earlier. In the first 11 months of last year, sales volume was 5.1 per cent higher than in the corresponding period of 1985.

The value of retail sales in November averaged £2,045 million a week compared with £1,850 million in October.

The amount of new credit advanced to consumers in November was £2,585 million, down from £2,806 million in October. But credit advanced in the September-November period was 5 per *cent up on the previous three* months — and advances on bank credit cards increased by 10 per cent over the same period.

Whitehall officials pointed out that a high proportion of advances on bank credit cards are repaid within the month and are therefore used as a method of payment rather than as a means of obtaining credit.

At the end of November, the total amount of credit outstanding was £23,477 million, 4 per cent up on the level three months earlier and equivalent to more than £400 for each member of the population.

The retail sales figures show that mixed retail businesses, which include chains such as *Marks and Spencer*, have been making the running

In the September-November period, the volume of sales by mixed retail businesses was 4.1 per cent up on the previous three months, compared with rises of 1.9 per cent for non-food retailers, 1.5 per cent for food retailers, and 2.2 per cent for retailers overall.

Industry's costs held

Inflationary pressures on industry remained subdued last month, official figures showed. Industry's raw material and fuel costs rose by less than is normal at this time of year.

Although there was a 2.1 per cent rise in the index of manufacturing industry's material and fuel costs last month, this was almost entirely due to the effect of winter electricity tariffs coming into force.

Other cost increases were subdued and the pound actually showed a small rise against the dollar last month. As a result seperate, seasonally-adjusted figures from the Department of Trade and Industry showed that there was an underlying fall of 0.6 per cent in industry's costs last month.

The effects of lower oil prices earlier last year mean that industry is still paying less for its materials and fuels than it was a year ago. The index of raw material and fuel costs last month was 3.3 per cent down on a year earlier. In November, it was 3.5 per cent down.

Manufacturing industry's prices at the factory gate rose by 0.3 per cent last month to 4.2 per cent up on the December 1985 level. This matched the lowest rate of increase since the early 1970s.

For last year as a whole, manufacturing industry's raw material and fuel costs fell by 8.1 per cent compared with 1985. Prices of factory output increased by 4.5 per cent.

Retail price figures due on Friday are expected to show that the rate of inflation increased last month. Expectations are for a rise in the rate to around 3.7 per cent.

Shopping inquiry opens

By Judith Huntley

The public inquiry into Capital & Counties and Pearson's plans for a 1 million sq ft out-of-town shopping centre close to the M25 motorway at Thurrock, Essex, opens today.

Retailers and developers will be looking closely at the outcome of the inquiry with 61 million sq ft of out-of-town shopping projects in the pipeline.

Marks and Spencer, British Home Stores, Debenhams, the John Lewis group and Fenwick have all expressed interest in taking space in the retail and leisure development, which will be the largest in Europe.

Pearson Lakeside, part of Pearson, owners of the *Financial Times*, Lazard Brothers, the merchant bank, Royal Doulton, the china group, and Capital & Counties, the retail developer owned by Liberty Life, the South African insurance company, are facing opposition from eight local authorities despite the fact that their site is not in the green belt.

Thurrock Borough Council, in whose area the scheme falls, is in favour of the scheme.

The public inquiry was originally called to decide on two competing schemes at Thurrock.

Town & City, part of the Peninsular and Oriental Steam Navigation Company, had a rival 1 million sq ft plan for its site west of the M25.

But Capital & Counties and Pearson bought that site just before the end of last year, eliminating the competition.

Shopping revolution, page 10

Europe seeks common electronics 'language'

By Michael Tate

Seven of Europe's largest electronics companies are working together to try to clear the biggest remaining obstacle of centralizing control of electronics in the home.

The seven, including Britain's Thorn EMI, GEC and Mullard, have set up a £12 million research project under the Eureka programme which will study the feasibility of standardizing the "language" used by their products.

The companies involved — the other four are Philips, Thomson, Siemens and Electrolux — account for the bulk of sales of television sets, videos, white goods and central heating and air conditioning equipment in Europe.

They have given themselves two years to devise a system which will enable the microprocessors within their products to "talk" to each other.

Scots insurance boost

Scotland's life assurance companies have greatly increased business in the past year, Scottish Financial Enterprise said yesterday.

Nine leading companies had £29.6 billion under management at the end of 1986 compared with £22.7 billion in 1985.

SFE added that new annual premiums for individual life and pensions business were up 39 per cent at £406 million, and new single premiums, at £1,190 million, had risen by 52 per cent. Direct unit trust sales totalled £277 million.

The increase in business for the nine companies, which form the Associated Scottish Life Offices, brought their total number of jobs to 10,635

The companies are: FS Assurance, The Life Association of Scotland, Scottish Amicable, Scottish Equitable Life, Scottish Life, Scottish Mutual, Scottish Provident, Scottish Widows and Standard Life.

Dollar hit by EMS shuffle

By Our Economics Correspondent

The dollar fell sharply yesterday, in the wake of the weekend realignment of the currencies of the European Monetary System.

Despite central bank intervention, the dollar fell below the key DM1.90 level.

The dollar's weakness helped the pound to register a strong gain. It rose 1.2 cents to $1.4900, helped by *firmer oil* prices.

But the pound fell from DM2.8330 to DM2.8210, and the sterling index managed only a 0.1 point gain to 68.9.

The dollar fell by nearly three pfennigs against the mark, dropping from DM1.9160 to DM1.8900, its lowest since the early 1980s.

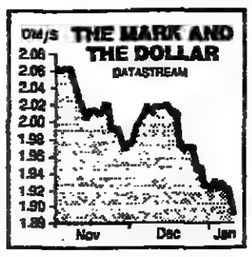
The dollar also fell against the yen, from 158 to 156.8.

The EMS agreement, featuring a 3 per cent revaluation of the mark and the Dutch guilder, and a 2 per cent revaluation of the Belgian/Luxembourg francs, appears to have diverted currency market pressure back towards the dollar.

Yesterday was a trouble-free day for the EMS, with currencies trading comfortably in their new bands.

But dealers said the dollar's weakness, if maintained, could result in the return of pressure for a further mark revaluation.

The participants in the EMS talks expressed the hope that the agreement could result in lower interest rates in Europe.



M Edouard Balladur, the French finance minister, said: "Money market rates could rapidly fall in West Germany — this is what the German *authorities led us to understand* in Brussels."

Herr Gerhard Stoltenberg, the German finance minister, said that he anticipated a limited fall in German money market rates.

But he added that he was not *suggesting* a cut in the German discount rate, which, he said, was the preserve of the Bundesbank.

Interest rates in France, Denmark and Belgium look likely to fall in the wake of the *EMS agreement, from* the crisis levels established last week.

Interest rates in the London money markets caught a flavour of this interest rate optimism. The three-month interbank rate edged down 1/16 points to 11 1/16-11 per cent.

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Ready for takeoff: Colin Marshall with hostesses Debbie Flynn and Martine Fitzgerald

Icy start for BA road show

British Airways began its circuits and bumps among the financial community yesterday as it began to push the advantages of privatization.

First, though, they had to demonstrate a little technical efficiency in order to overcome the temperatures that numbed most of Britain.

The "road show" jet they were using for the purpose, a BAC 1-11 in special livery, had to be sprayed with gallons of de-icing fluid in order to make the wing flaps fully operational for the flight from Heathrow to Aberdeen.

After which, the airline's executives and the "personality girls" set off on their first leg of the promotional tour. Glinting on the fuselage in the wintery sunshine was the slogan "Britain's Highest Flying Company", somewhat more to the point and slightly more elegant than the recent surfeit of "tell Sid."

"The message we are hoping to put over in this road show is how a turnaround has been accomplished in the overall performance of British Airways," said Mr Colin Marshall, chief executive.

His team will call at Glasgow, Newcastle, Leeds and Edinburgh before a short tour in the United States.

Coffee futures hit five-year low

By Richard Lander

Coffee prices tumbled further on the futures markets yesterday with rates in New York reaching their lowest levels for five years.

The recent weakness in the market was exposed again after traders took stock of lower export prices from Brazil and new sales by Columbia. Further downward pressure was exerted by chart-based selling, but the lower prices failed to attract any buying from coffee roasters.

"The trade is keeping a very close position because nobody has great conviction where the bottom of the market is," said one trader.

In London, March futures ended £50 lower at £1,597 a tonne after touching £1,575, while the May contract in New York was 3.67c lower at $1.3080 a pound.

Producing members of the International Coffee Organization are pressing for the reintroduction of export quotas, which were suspended a year ago when the price touched £3,000 a tonne. Such a proposal could take time to implement while new quota allocations are worked out.

LCE votes for options

Members of the London Commodity Exchange and its sister market, the International Petroleum Exchange, have approved the introduction of traded options in May and a special class of membership for options traders.

Thirty options memberships, costing £15,000 for new members and £10,000 for existing floor members, will be available after the exchanges move to new premises in the London Docklands at Easter.

Hitachi to build £7m factory

Hitachi, the Japanese consumer and industrial electrical products manufacturer, plans to invest £7 million in a microwave oven factory in *South Wales*.

The company decided to site the plant, its first microwave manufacturing operation outside Japan, at Hirwaun, Mid-Glamorgan, next to its colour television, video recorder and audio equipment factory, *despite* intense competition from West Germany and France.

The factory, which is expected to create 200 jobs in an area of high unemployment, will take up 85,000 sq ft on a four-acre site leased from the Welsh Development Agency.

The factory will be built in time for production to start at the end of the year.

Mr Ted Kurose, managing director of Hitachi Consumer Products (UK), said: "We believe there will be a great future for the new plant. We estimate demand for microwave ovens in Europe is about 2.5 million units annually — and increasing."

HITACHI

He said Hirwaun was chosen partly because of the success of the single-union agreement with the electricians' union, the EETPU.

The microwave oven factory will be a complete manufacturing facility, from pressing and welding up to and including final assembly.

Hitachi announced last week that 120 temporary jobs given to school-leavers at its colour television plant will be made permanent positions.

Sprinkel tipped for Federal Reserve

In Volcker's footsteps

From Bailey Morris, Washington

Senior White House officials will attempt to agree this week on a successor to Mr Paul Volcker, the Federal Reserve Board chairman who has lost powerful support due to his quiet criticism of American international economic policy.

Administration sources confirmed yesterday that Mr Beryl Sprinkel had emerged as the strongest candidate to replace Mr Volcker, largely due to the backing of Mr Donald Regan, the White House chief of staff.

Mr Regan, who appears to have weathered the immediate ill effects of the "Irangate" scandal, has said he regards the appointment of a new central bank chairman as one of the most important issues left on President Reagan's economic agenda.

Mr Regan's decision to promote the candidacy of Mr Sprinkel, chairman of the *Council of Economic Advisers*, has provoked strong criticism from Wall Street officials and in the international economic community.

Mr Sprinkel's reputation suffered when, as under-secretary of the Treasury, he strongly espoused the views of Mr Regan that the good effects of record fiscal deficits outweighed the bad. At the same time, Mr Sprinkel, a professed disciple of Mr Milton Friedman, the monetarist, was criticized for his lack of international experience.

Administration sources said it was likely Mr Regan would attempt to force an agreement on Mr Sprinkel this week when White House officials review candidates to fill two vacancies on the powerful board. If Mr Sprinkel is named to one of the vacancies, he will probably also be made chairman when Mr Volcker's second term expires in August.

Beryl Sprinkel: has the backing of Donald Regan

Paul Volcker: critical of US economic policy

The role of Mr James Baker, the Treasury Secretary, will be crucial to the process, said Administration officials, who noted that it was Mr Baker, as chief of staff, who engineered the reappointment of Mr Volcker to a second term in 1983.

It has been rumoured that Mr Baker was angered by comments made by Mr Volcker, which were seen as critical of US economic policies towards Japan and West Germany.

This appeared to diminish hopes among Federal Reserve Board staff members that Mr Volcker would be re-appointed to a third term on the board, which is composed solely of President Reagan's appointees.

It is unclear, however, whether Mr Baker will throw his support behind another candidate, Mr Manuel Johnson, the vice chairman who is favoured in many quarters for Mr Volcker's job.

Mr Regan reportedly opposes the appointment of Mr Johnson on the grounds that he is too young, at 37, and unseasoned.

Other names mentioned for Fed vacancies include Mr Edward Kelly, a Texas banker, and Mr Lafe Olson, a Citibank economist. Either or both of these men could be *appointed without resolving* the dispute over the next chairman should a deadlock develop.

MARKET SUMMARY

STOCK MARKETS

New York	
Dow Jones	2003.80 (-2.11)*
Tokyo	
Nikkei Dow	18669.02 (-141.34)
Hong Kong	
Hang Seng	2814.37 (+53.14)
Amsterdam: Gen	269.0 (-2.3)
Sydney: AO	1549.6 (+14.4)
Frankfurt:	
Commerzbank	1925.1 (+11.6)
Brussels:	
General	3899.04 (+11.18)
Paris: CAC	412.6 (+5.4)
Zurich: SKA Gen	556.90 (same)
London: FT. A	n/a
FT. Gilts	85.23 (-0.08)

Closing prices Page 21

INTEREST RATES

London: Bank Base: 11%
3-month Interbank 11 1/16-11%
3-month eligible bills: 10 23/32-10 21/32% buying rate
US: Prime Rate 7½%
Federal Funds 6 3/16%*
3-month Treasury Bills 5.37-5.36%*
30-year bonds 102 3/32-102%*

CURRENCIES

London:	New York:
£: $1.4900	$: £1.4910*
£: DM2.8210	$: DM1.8905*
£: SwFr2.3568	$: SwFr1.5815*
£: FFr9.3840	$: FFr6.2885*
£: Yen233.57	$: Yen156.75*
£ Index:68.9	$: Index:n/a
ECU £0.733081	SDR £0.832550

MAIN PRICE CHANGES

RISES:

FH Tomkins	304p (+16p)
Hunter	380p (+30p)
Phoenix Timber	111p (+13p)
Baker Perkins	336p (+13p)
Carclo Eng.	480p (+16p)
Lilleshall	188p (+40p)
AB Electronic	357p (+17p)
Shintron	103p (+20p)
Parker Noll 'A'	474p (+20p)
Mellerware Int.	85p (+16p)
Geffyns	307p (+26p)
Shield Group	195p (+13p)
Television South	277p (+11p)
AG Barr	383p (+55p)
Carrs Milling	196p (+15p)
Argyll Group	347p (+12p)
Dixons	357p (+10p)

FALLS:

Royal Insurance	868p (-11p)
Guinness	299p (-11p)
Glentree	38p (-10p)

Prices are as at 4pm

GOLD

London Fixing:
AM $409.90 pm-$411.10
close $410.75-411.25 (£275.75-276.25)
New York:
Comex $410.90-411.40*

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WALL STREET

Profit-takers pressure Dow in early trading

New York (Reuter) – Wall Street shares were mixed in early trading as blue chips were hurt by a sharp decline in IBM

Profit taking also pressured the Dow shares, which had advanced to record highs in each of the previous five sessions.

The broader market, however, continued to show strength.

The Dow Jones industrial average fell two points to 2004. Advancing shares led declining issues by a slight margin on a volume of 32 million shares.

Traders said that a lower recommendation and reduced earnings estimates by brokerage house Furman Selz sent IBM lower. The shares dropped two points to 120¼ on heavy volume.

	Jan 9	Jan 8		Jan 9	Jan 8		Jan 9	Jan 8
AMR	56⅝	55⅝	Firestone	29	28⅞	Pfizer	65⅝	66
ASA	37⅝	37	Fst Chicago	31¾	31¾	Phelps Dge	23⅞	23⅛
Aetna Life	60⅝	60½	Fst Int Bncp	56	58	Philip Mrs	76⅝	77
Allied Signal	44¼	44⅝	Fst Penn C	9⅝	9½	Phillips Pet	12¼	11⅝
Allis Chlmrs	3	2⅞	Ford	63⅞	62⅞	Polaroid	70⅞	71⅞
Alcoa	38½	38⅝	FT Wachva	39⅜	39½	PPG Ind	78⅝	78
Amax Inc	12⅞	12⅞	GAF Corp	40⅞	40½	Prctr Gmbl	79⅞	80
Am'rda Hs	25⅞	24⅝	GTE Corp	61	60⅞	Pb S E & G	43⅜	43⅝
Am Brands	46	45¼	Gen Corp	78⅜	78⅜	Raytheon	71	70⅞
Am Can	90⅞	90⅜	Gen Dy'mcs	73⅝	73½	Rynlds Met	45	44½
Am Cynm'd	82⅝	82⅝	Gen Electric	90⅛	90	Rockwell Intl	48⅝	48⅝
Am El Pwr	29¼	29⅝	Gen Inst	20⅞	20⅞	Royal Dutch	97½	97⅞
Am Express	63½	62⅝	Gen Mills	46⅝	45¼	Sara Lee	38¾	38⅝
Am Home	81½	80⅝	Gen Motors	68⅞	68⅞	SFE Sopac	39⅝	31⅛
Am Motors	3	3	Gn Pb Ut ny	24⅝	24¼	Schl'berger	35⅝	34½
Am St'nrd	44⅝	45	Genesco	3⅜	3⅝	Scott Paper	66⅞	66½
Am Teleph	25⅞	25½	Georgia Pac	42⅝	41⅝	Seagram	64⅝	63⅞
Amoco	70⅝	69½	Gillete	53¼	52¼	Sears Rbck	43⅝	43⅝
Armco Steel	6	6¼	Goodrich	47½	46⅝	Shell Trans	60	59⅝
Asarco	15⅝	15½	Goodyear	44¼	44¼	Singer	40⅞	40⅞
Ashland Oil	56	58¾	Gould Inc	17⅝	18⅜	Smithkln Bk	95¼	95½
At Richfield	65¼	65	Grace	53¼	53½	Sony	21	20⅞
Avon Prods	26⅝	27¾	Gt Atl & Tac	24⅝	24½	Sth Cal Ed	35⅝	35¾
Bkrs Tst NY	49⅝	48⅝	Gr'hnd	34	33¾	S'Wstn Bell	114¼	114½
Bankamer	14⅝	14⅝	Grumman Cor	25¼	25⅝	Std Oil	55⅝	53¾
Bk of Bston	43	42⅝	Gulf & West	69	69¾	Sterling Drg	48¾	47⅝
Bank of NY	40⅝	40⅝	Heinz H.J.	42⅝	42	Stevens JP	41	40⅝
Beth Steel	7⅝	7⅝	Hercules	55¾	56⅝	Sun Comp	57⅝	57⅝
Boeing	51½	51½	H'lett-Pkrd	46⅝	45½	Teledyne	315⅝	314¾
Bse Cascde	67⅝	66¾	Honeywell	60⅞	60⅞	Tenneco	40⅞	40⅜
Brden	50⅝	50⅝	IC Inds	25⅜	25½	Texaco	38¼	37⅝
Bg Warner	39⅜	40⅝	Ingersoll	61½	60⅞	Texas E Cor	29⅝	30
Brist Myers	87⅝	88¼	Inland Steel	21⅛	20⅞	Texas Inst	126⅝	124⅛
BP	45⅝	44⅝	IBM	122¼	122¼	Texas Utils	33½	33½
Burl'ton Ind	43¾	44¼	INCO	12⅞	12⅝	Textron	67¼	65⅝
Burl'ton Ntn	59⅝	58⅝	Int Paper	79⅞	80	Travlrs Cor	49⅝	48⅜
Brunswick	37⅝	36½	Int Tel Tel	57⅝	57⅞	TRW Inc	91½	91½
Cmpbell Sp	59	58½	Irving Bank	50⅝	50⅝	UAL Inc	54	53½
Can Pacific	13⅛	13⅝	Jhnsn & Jhn	69⅞	68⅞	Unilever NV	239¾	241½
Caterpiller	41⅞	40⅝	Kaiser Alum	14⅝	14⅝	Unisys	86⅝	87⅞
Celanese	243	241¼	Kerr McGee	30⅝	29⅞	Un Carbide	25¼	25
Central SW	36⅝	36¼	Kmb'ly Clrk	89	87⅝	Un Pac Cor	65¾	64¾
Champion	35⅝	35⅝	K Mart	48⅝	47⅝	Utd Brands	39⅝	39
Chase Man	39	39¼	Kroger	31½	31	USG Corp	39¾	40⅝
Chm Bk NY	45¾	45⅝	L.T.V. Corp	2¼	2¼	Utd Technol	48⅝	49⅝
Chevron	48¼	48⅝	Litton	81⅝	80⅞	USX Corp	22⅞	22
Chrysler	42⅝	41¾	Lockheed	52⅞	53¼	Unocal	29⅞	28½
Citicorp	56¼	56½	Lucky Strs	27¼	27⅞	Jim Walter	51¼	51¼
Clark Equip	20⅞	20½	Man H'nver	48¾	47⅝	Wrner Lmbt	60⅞	61⅞
Coca Cola	38⅝	38⅝	Manville Cp	1⅝	1⅝	Wells Fargo	111¼	108⅞
Colgate	45	44¾	Mapco	59	59⅝	W'stghse El	61⅝	62¼
CBS	137⅝	137½	Marine Mid	50	49¼	Weyerh'ser	41¾	40½
C'mbia Gas	47⅝	47¼	Mrt Marietta	40	40	Whirlpool	36⅝	35⅝
Cmb'tn Eng	32⅞	32	Masco	30½	30⅞	Woolworth	42⅞	43⅜
Comwlth Ed	36⅝	36⅛	McDonalds	84¼	84¼	Xerox Corp	63⅝	63⅞
Cons Edis	49⅝	49½	McDonnell	77⅞	77⅝	Zenith	24	23⅝
Cn Nat Gas	34½	34⅝	Mead	61¼	61			
Cons Power	16⅝	16¼	Merck	129	129⅝			
Cntrl Data	26⅝	26⅝	Minsta Mng	119½	120⅝			
Corning Gl	56⅝	55¼	Mobil Oil	41⅝	40⅝	**CANADIAN PRICES**		
CPC Intl	85	84¼	Monsanto	80⅝	79			
Crane	38⅝	37⅝	Morgan J.P.	92¼	92⅝	Agnco Eag	30¼	29⅝
Curtiss Wrt	54½	54¾	Motorola	40	39¾	Alcn Alum	42	41⅝
Data Genl.	33¼	33⅝	NCR Corp	51⅝	51⅝	Algoma Stl	10⅝	11
Deere	24¼	23⅜	NL Indstrs	5¼	5½	Can Pacific	18¼	19⅝
Delta Air	50	49¼	Nat Distlrs	51⅝	51⅛	Cominco	13⅝	13⅜
Detroit Ed	18⅝	18	*Nat Med Ent*	23⅝	23⅝	*Con Bathrst*	31⅝	31¼
Digital Eq	113⅝	112⅝	Nat Smcndt	12⅝	12	Hkr/Sid Can	26¼	26⅝
Disney	48½	48⅝	Norfolk Sth	88½	86½	Hdsn B Mn	23¾	22⅜
Dow Chem	84½	84	NW Bancrp	39⅝	38½	Imasco	35	34½
Dresser Ind	22¼	22⅝	Occdnt Pet	30⅝	30	Imperial Oil	52½	51⅝
Duke Power	48½	48⅞	Ogden	47	47⅝	In Pipe	42⅝	41¼
Du Pont	90⅝	90	Olin Corp	43⅝	43⅜	Ryl Trustco	31	30⅝
Estm Kodak	71⅝	71	Owens-Ill	55½	53⅜	Seagram	88⅝	87¼
Eaton Corp	77⅝	77¼	Pac Gas El	25⅝	25⅝	Steel Co	19	19
Emerson El	89½	90⅝	Pan Am	4⅝	4⅝	Thmsn N 'A'	31⅝	31¼
Emery Air	12¼	11⅝	Penney J.C.	78⅝	78⅝	Varity Corp	2.66	2.70
Exxon Corp	73¾	73¾	Pennzoil	66⅝	69½	WCT	14¼	13⅝
Fed Dpt Sts	87	88	Pepsico	27⅝	27⅝	Weston	34½	35⅝

Answers to futures and options quiz

Here are the answers to Richard Lander's futures and options Christmas quiz which was published on December 16: 1 (c): United Nations Day. 2 (a): London Commodity Exchange. 3 (c): Cincinnatti. 4 (a): New Zealand Futures Exchange. 5 (c): New York Mercantile Exchange. 6 (a): 1.9 million ounces. 7 (b): £3,007.50. 8 (b): Chicago Board of Trade. 9 (b)S&P-100 stock index options on the Chicago Board Options Exchange. 10 (a): 520 million tonnes.

Arguments weaken against sterling joining Euroclub balancing act

EMS fine-tuning works

By David Smith, Economics Correspondent

The weekend realignment of the European Monetary System was the eleventh in its eight-year history – and it featured some of the hardest bargaining over parities yet seen.

The big EMS realignments have been accompanied by policy changes in the member countries. Typically, action has been required in weak currency countries. The French insistence on a mark revaluation was, therefore, more than a question of Gallic pride. As the main adjusting currency country, Germany is under more obligation to act.

And, to judge from comments which followed the weekend EMS talks, some of the participants expect this action to come in the form of lower German interest rates.

M Edouard Balladur, the French finance minister, predicted an early fall in German money market interest rates, a hope shared by his West German counterpart, Herr Gerhard Stoltenberg.

The eleventh EMS realignment produced a 3 per cent *revaluation of the mark* and the Dutch guilder, and a 2 per cent revaluation of the Belgian/Luxembourg franc.

Relative to its central rate against the European Currency Unit, the mark has now appreciated by 22 per cent since the EMS began operating on March 13, 1979. Its central rate against the ECU then was DM2.51064. Under the weekend agreement, the new central rate is DM2.0583.

Against some of the weaker EMS currencies, the mark's appreciation is even more dramatic. The central EMS rate is that between the French franc and the mark. On March 13, 1979, the central rate between the two currencies was FF2.3095/DM. As a result of the latest realignment, it is FF3.3586/DM.

The mark has risen by 45 per cent relative to the franc. Against the Italian lira, the mark's rise has been even more pronounced. It has increased in value by nearly 58 per cent. The EMS, in its realignments, has therefore achieved major changes in currency relationships, making nonsense of one objection to sterling membership of the EMS – that Britain would be locked into a currency framework at uncompetitive rates.

On the other hand, if the realignments have occurred so frequently, the usefulness of the EMS can be called into question.

EMS supporters say that the system has reduced currency volatility between the realignments, which for the day-to-day conduct of business as well as economic policy has been worthwhile.

They argue also that the realignments show the EMS to be flexible while still operating against currency instabilities in Europe.

It is the case that there have been relatively long periods between major EMS realignments. In the case of this weekend's move, trading yesterday appeared to suggest that the markets had got their pound of flesh with no heavy presure for a further move.

The first EMS realignment was on September 24, 1979, when the mark was revalued by 2 per cent against other EMS currencies but by 5 per cent against the Danish krone.

Two months later, the krone was in trouble again and was devalued by 5 per cent but the next general realignment was not until October 1981, when the mark and guilder were revalued by 5.5 per cent and the French franc and Italian lira devalued by 3 per cent. In the intervening period, in March 1981, the lira had been devalued by 6 per cent, but the September 1979 realignment lasted for two years – and in a period when President Mitterrand in France was pursuing markedly different economic policies from the rest of Europe.

After the October, 1981, changes the EMS had further realignments in February and June 1982, culminating in a big change on March 21, 1983, when the mark and guilder were again revalued by 5.5 per cent and the French franc and lira devalued by 2.5 per cent.

There followed a period of EMS stability, mainly due to the dollar's strong rise against all currencies

There was an emergency package in July 1985, devaluing the lira, but the next overall realignment was not until April last year when the mark was revalued by and the franc devalued by 3 per cent. And then, last August, the Irish punt was devalued by 8 per cent against all currencies.

Therefore, of the EMS currency shifts, only six have been general realignments, the others have been designed to *help currencies in particular* trouble. The pro-EMS lobby would argue that an average of less than one realignment a year is a reasonable record.

EMS RATES FOR THE MARK

	New Rate (Buying/Selling)	Old Rate (Buying/Selling)
	(Marks per 100)	
French franc	29.150-30.495	30.030-31.410
Belgian franc	4.4740-4.959	4.787-5.007
Luxembourg fr	4.4740-4.959	4.787-5.007
Danish krone	25.630-26.810	26.400-27.615
Dutch guilder	86.780-90.770	no change
Italian lira	1.3065-1.4735 per 1,000	1.3460-1.5175 per 1,000
Irish punt	2.619-2.740 per I£	2.698-2.822 per I£

NEW RATES

EMS central rates against ECU (national currency per European Currency Unit)

German mark	2.05853
Dutch guilder	2.31943
Belgian franc	42.4582
Luxembourg franc	42.4582
Danish krone	7.85212
French franc	6.90403
Italian lira	1,483.58
Irish punt	0.768411
Sterling*	0.739615
Greek drachma*	150.7922

* Not part of exchange rate mechanism, but part of ECU currency basket

Companies with designs on excellence

Award winners: Sarah Dallas knitwear, Shadow mini-aircraft and Sigmex graphics terminal

By Teresa Poole, Business Correspondent

A light aircraft, a life jacket, sea-angling gear and the ice axes used on last year's British Mount Everest exhibition are among products to win the 1987 British Design Awards for engineering and consumer products today.

Thirteen awards were made this year to firms thought to have excelled in the area of design. The products range from the Inmos IMS T414 transputer, which can cut the cost of processing fingerprint comparisons, to designer wallpaper made by USM-quoted Osborne & Little.

Several of the successful companies are small businesses set up by enthusiasts. Mr Hugh McNicholl, managing director of Mountain Technology of Onich, Inverness-shire and a keen mountaineer, designed a selection of ice axes and manufactures 4,000 a year.

Similarly, Mr Brian Swinbanks moved to the Isle of Mull to start a new business skippering a boat for sea anglers. He developed the successful "Knotless" range of sea-angling equipment, to be launched in Europe this year.

CFM Metal-Fax of Leiston, Suffolk, wins an award for the design of a microlight aircraft, developed by Mr David Cook, one of the pioneers of hang-gliding in Britain.

Other awards go to AP Valves, of Helston, Cornwall, for a life jacket; Sarah Dallas, of Colne, Lancashire, for designer knitwear; John Guest Ltd of Middlesex, for leak-proof pipe connections; Simon Engineering of Dudley, for a work platform; Sigmex Ltd, of Horsham, West Sussex, for a computer graphics system; and Elga Ltd of High Wycombe, for a water purification system.

IN THE MARKET

Currency turmoil just tip of iceberg

The weekend EMS realignment after just 48 hours of haggling looks a smooth affair. But the smoothness is deceptive. Few forex dealers believe the root cause of realignment was French franc weakness. Chronic uncertainty about the dollar-mark rate gradually eroded the entire parity structure within EMS and was the main motivation for a 3 per cent mark revaluation after a week of turmoil.

The wider issue of what is an acceptable fiscal-monetary stance for the US and Germany remains unresolved. A German official confirmed this perception when he was quoted in *The Wall Street Journal* as saying: "This is a small story compared with the threat of US protectionism... and what will happen to the dollar as the US becomes more of a debtor country." What took place over the weekend may be just the end of the beginning.

A flurry of comments and market responses yesterday emphasized the delicacy with which German monetary authorities are approaching the market. By refusing to renew existing sale and repurchase agreements, worth DM12.4 billion, the Bundesbank plans to drain liquidity from markets in a bid to bring surging German money supply back under control. Short-term rates in Frankfurt should now firm. But French sources suggest Germany was willing during the EMS talks to ease its monetary stance, to the extent of letting short-term rates decline.

These uncharacteristic contradictions may have been *designed to wrong-foot* currency speculators. The Bundesbank was still obliged to purchase up to $300 million at the new lower dollar-mark rate of $1.90 yesterday in Frankfurt. On a broader basis, the Bundesbank may be trying to avoid the firming in real interest rates which appears to be the automatic consequence of currency imbalances.

Real interest rates look to have peaked in the mid-Eighties, partly because of the tighter fiscal stance of many OECD countries and partly because of lower raw-material prices. The US Federal Reserve happily exploited this by tolerating above-target broad money growth, cutting rates, and selling mountains of US Treasury debts to fund its Federal and trade deficits.

Meanwhile, the excess monetary growth tolerated by the Fed has progressively been transferred to more powerful trading neighbours of the US. Both Japan and Germany have seen their target monetary measures soar beyond allowable growth bands, largely because central banks have been forced to buy dollars and sell local currency in a bid to prop up the US currency. Local currency made available across the exchanges is then intermediated within the domestic banking system, boosting deposits.

Ignoring the fine print of the EMS deal, the net effect so far has been higher rates. Short-term rates rose sharply, as parities came under pressure. The Bundesbank must now fear that the Trojan horse it received from the US, in the shape of excess monetary growth and a weakening dollar, will be handed back to America in the shape of rising real interest rates. In theory at least, the Fed must now either act to peg the dollar by forcing short-term rates ahead or it allows the dollar to drift, but sees long yields rise as Japanese buyers seek compensation for the exchange-rate risk.

Both responses would aggravate US recessionary and protectionist forces.

On fiscal policy, the US and Germany are as far apart as ever. The Reagan Budget forecast for the next 18 months assumes real growth of more than 3 per cent, and a sharp decline in the deficit, perhaps of $100 billion. Only a huge surge in exports can, notionally, reconcile these two assumptions. Meanwhile, German growth in 1987 might decline from last year's 2.5 per cent to as little as 1.5 per cent.

Christopher Dunn

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Dwek Group	28p	128p	+357%
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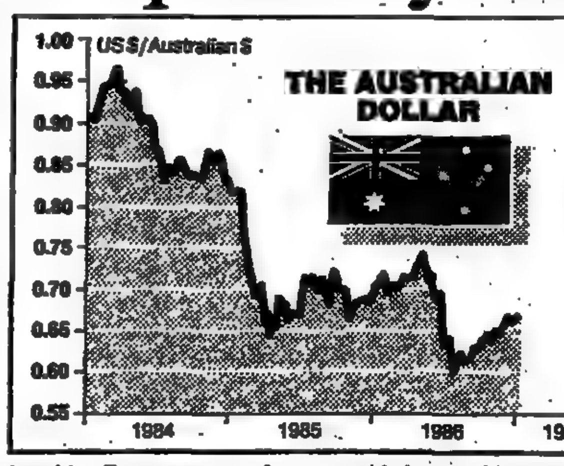
FUTURES AND OPTIONS

Wonderful dollar of Oz heads for quieter year

Everybody, it seems, *likes the Australians* at the moment. The Americans, who had good reason to loathe them after they snatched the America's Cup so rudely, are rolling in the aisles in their thousands at *Crocodile Dundee*.

The British have rediscovered also a buried source of affection recently for their antipodean cousins, if only because they have proved themselves to be even worse at cricket than we are.



Australia's growing popularity has extended to the normally-unemotional ranks of the world's foreign exchange dealers. Over the past three years, volumes traded in the Australian dollar have soared to the point where, on most calculations, it is the sixth most-traded currency in the world.

This ranks it behind those pillars of the international monetary system — the dollar, the mark, the yen, the Swiss franc and sterling – but surprisingly ahead of most EMS currencies, including the French franc and the lira.

Estimating exactly how many Australian dollars change hands every day is like trying to answer the question, "How long is a piece of string?"

Even the admirable survey of the London foreign exchange market published last year by the Bank of England lumped the Australian currency in with those of New Zealand, the Netherlands and Scandanavia as having 7 per cent of a $90 billion (£60.8 billion) daily turnover. The Reserve Bank of Australia recently estimated domestic market turnover at about Aus$190 million (£86.4 million).

The dollar has now been given an important accolade by the Chicago Mercantile Exchange and the Philadelphia Stock Exchange, respectively the most important financial markets for currency futures and options. The CME starts its futures contract in the currency today while PHILX starts options on the spot dollar next Monday.

Mr Neil McGeownof the CME is excited about the prospects for the dollar, the first conventional currency to be introduced on the market since it pioneered the concept in 1972. (Chicago introduced ECU futures last year but the hybrid Eurocurrency has been greeted with an almost *total lack of enthusiasm).*

As he points out, the numbers of market players exposed to the fortunes of the Australian dollar has exploded since 1983, when exchange controls were lifted and foreign banks admitted to Sydney and Melbourne.

For most of the period since then, the dollar has been in free fall, reflecting Australia's dire economic and overseas payments situation but that has only attracted more foreign investors to take out physical investments, or get in on the stock market's record-breaking run.

More recently, as the currency has stabilized and even turned round, the Australian dollar bond market has exploded with about Aus$500 million in paper being issued in the first trading week of the year to investors eager to lock into double-digit yields. On the other side of the market, Australian entrepreneurs such as Mr John Elliott and Mr Alan Bond have become increasingly voracious in their appetite for overseas investments.

In truth, the days of greatest volatility are already behind the Australian dollar. Having had trading ranges of 15, 18 and 15 US cents over the past three years, the currency looks set for a quieter year in 1987.

Although the currency has appreciated from 60 to 66 cents since Treasurer Mr Paul Keating's budget in August, the Canberra government will be anxious to prevent it rising further and doing further damage to the country's balance of trade by reducing export competitiveness and encouraging imports.

On the other hand, further depreciation has also to be avoided to avoid making the country's huge foreign debts even harder to pay off.

However, it is a currency that has been subject to frequent speculative bear raids in the past and despite the careful shepherding of the Australian Reserve Bank since Mr Keating introduced the managed float, there are limits to central bank clout in the markets as the weekend's EMS reshuffle testified.

A general election expected within the next year should add some spice.

For the CME in particular, the new contract offers scope for expansion. When – and if — volumes travel high enough to satisfy the Commodities Futures Trading Commission, the exchange plans to introduce an options contract to compete with Philadelphia.

An overseas link-up may also be on the cards, although no talks have yet been held with the CME's Asian partner in crime, the Singapore International Monetary Exchange, which already trades three of the Chicago market's currency futures.

However, the dollar's debut in Chicago has already made its mark on the other side of the world, with the Sydney Futures Exchange "reversing" its US dollar futures contract to become an Australian dollar instrument identical to that traded in the Windy City.

● My thanks to all those who entered the Futures and Options Column Christmas Quiz. The winner of a rather *splendid bottle of rosé champagne* is Mr Alan Gray of south-west London.

Richard Lander

BASE LENDING RATES

ABN	11.00%
Adam & Company	11.00%
BCCI	11.00%
Citibank Savings†	12.45%
Consolidated Crds	11.00%
Co-operative Bank	11.00%
C. Hoare & Co	11.00%
Hong Kong & Shanghai	11.00%
Lloyds Bank	11.00%
Nat Westminster	11.00%
Royal Bank of Scotland	11.00%
TSB	11.00%
Citibank NA	11.00%

† Mortgage Base Rate.

STOCK MARKET

Freezing weather puts skids under the insurance sector

By Carol Leonard

As the Siberian weather gripped Britain, talk of frozen pipes, flooded homes and skidding cars tooks its toll on insurance stocks.

While the rest of the market continued to hit new highs, the composite insurance sector was headed in the other direction with General Accident and Royal Insurance falling furthest. They both lost 11p to 853p and 868p respectively.

Guardian Royal gave up 9p to 823p, **Sun Alliance** 9p to 693p and **Commercial Union** 4p to 291p.

Mr Andrew Crean, composite insurance analyst at Laing & Cruickshank, the broker, said the selling was more on emotional grounds than fundamental. "I think most fund managers had a difficult journey into work yesterday and as they trudged in in their wellies they probably decided to sell a few composites."

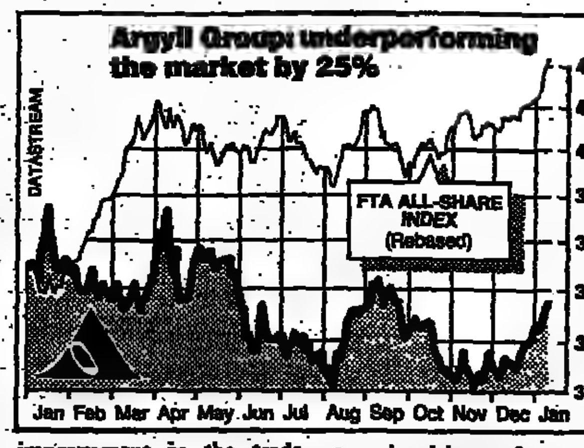
He also said that the sector was now being hit by an article in the US insurance magazine, *Business Insurance*, last week which provided evidence that increases in premiums for commercial property insurance were beginning to flatten out.

Elsewhere equities started the new account in a confident mood, despite a bout of nervous selling in mid-morning after market-makers had marked stocks up too quickly, which brought about a fall in the FT-SE 100 share index of 0.8 points at midday. The FT-SE index managed to close 3.3 points higher at another new high of 1755.6 while the FT 30 share index, after following a similar pattern, closed 3.0 higher at 1,389.4.

Gilt-edged stocks opened as much as £¼ better, prompting the Treasury to release some more of its 10 per cent 1994 tap to market-makers, but they then turned lower, for no obvious reason, and ended the day unchanged in the shorts and about £¼ lower in the longs.

The strength of the pound against the dollar failed to lift them as traders watched the pound simultaneously edge lower against the mark. The end result was a marginal improvement in the trade-weighted index from 68.8 on Friday to 68.9 yesterday.

● Market-men are tipping Tarmac as the likely suitor of Feb International, the building chemicals manufacturer which asked for its shares to be suspended "pending an announcement" last Wednesday. Feb's broker, Savery Milln, says it hopes to make the announcement this week.



Among leaders, **Cadbury Schweppes** was lifted by bid speculation. Its climbed 8p to 205p as more than 10 million shares went through the market. **Cable and Wireless** improved 10p to 364p and **Glaxo** 5p to 1130p. But the thought of figures on Thursday from THF knocked 2p of its shares, taking them down to 184p.

Mr James Gulliver's Argyll Group, owner of the Presto supermarket chain, jumped 10p to 345p amid speculation that it may be on the brink of a reverse takeover of Guinness. Argyll's shares nosedived when its £2.7 billion takeover bid for Distillers failed at the tail-end of 1985 and have been an uninspiring performer ever since. During the past 12 months Argyll's shares have underperformed the market by 25 per cent, and, in the past three months, by 8 per cent.

● Shares in Metal Closures, the packaging group, which almost merged with John Waddington last summer, were up 5p to 183p yesterday, within 10p of their peak. A parcel of land in Reading has been sold at three times its book value and other asset realizations are thought likely.

The acrimonious battle for control of Distillers left a bad taste in the mouths of many investors and sector analysts blame this in part for the loss of Argyll's traditional premium rating to other second division food retailers. But during the past few days they have been showing signs of renewed life.

The management succession problem at Guinness, coupled with the threat of litigation by Argyll to recover the estimated £30 million costs of the Distillers bid from Guinness, have prompted a number of market-men to name Mr Gulliver as the next potential chief executive of Guinness, should Mr Ernest Saunders fail to return.

But Mr Gulliver says he has not had any talks with Guinness about such a scheme. "I have heard the rumours but I have not had any discussions with them as yet."

Food sector specialists also say that if Argyll is successful in its bid to buy the British arm of Safeway supermarkets, and manages to do so at a good price, its premium rating could begin to return.

Guinness shares meanwhile gave up 12p to 298p, with 14 million shares changing hands, on talk that there may soon be other departures from the boardroom.

Hill Samuel, the merchant bank, *hit another new high at* 480p, after gaining a further 17p, *on continued speculative* support. **Schroder**, another potential bid target in the merchant banking sector, jumped 15p to 775p. **Morgan Grenfell** eased a penny to 400p.

The cold weather meant good news for the oil and gas stocks with partly-paid British Gas shares firming a penny to 67p. A number of small shareholders took advantage of the rise and sold, with volume soaring to 109 million shares.

Benlox Holdings, *the prop*erty development and timber treatment group, went up 4p to 47p on the news, late last night, that Mr Andrew Millar, chairman of Norton Group, has bought a personal 23.7 per cent stake in the company, paying 61p a share, and has *been appointed non-executive* chairman. The chairmanship *had been vacant since the* departure of Mr Michael *Buckley*.

Simon Engineering jumped 13p to 323p on expectations of an increased offer from Valuedale later today. Simon *has consistently remained* above the 300p level since the the bid was launched.

ALPHA STOCKS

These prices are as at 6.45pm

1986 High	1986 Low	Company	Price Bid	Price Offer		Ch'ge	Gross div pence	Yld %	P/E	Volume traded '000
355	299	Allied-Lyons	341	346	●	-3	14.5	4.2	16.7	3,300
168	145	ASDA-MFI	162	165		-1	4.5	2.7	17.9	3,600
488	414	BET	465	470		+10	24.3	5.2	17.0	679
300	264	BTR	282	287		-5	9.8	3.4	19.9	940
501	444	BAT	498	503		+5	18.4	3.7	13.1	6,200
519	465	Barclays	513	520		+1	28.1	5.4	7.5	918
781	703	Bass	765	775	●	-5	24.3	3.2	13.7	671
488	411	Beecham	452	457	●	-3	17.1	3.8	18.9	1,800
727	621	Blue Circle	723	728		+1	30.0	4.1	10.5	1,000
404½	326	BOC	392	396		-3	15.4	3.9	13.0	890
265½	219	Boots	246	251		..	10.6	4.2	18.3	13,000
543	488	Br Aerospace	540	545		+7	23.4	4.3	11.4	1,800
67¾	61	Br Gas	66	66		+1	9.3	13.9	...	109M
762	666	Br Petroleum	755	760		+2	48.6	6.4	9.3	3,500
220	188	Br Telecom	215	218	●	+1	11.2	5.2	18.7	8,700
180	136	Britoil	179	181		+3	9.5	5.2	4.8	5,900
294	256	Burton	288	292	●	..	8.1	2.8	17.7	6,600
369	277	Cable & Wireless	360	367		+10	7.2	2.0	19.9	3,400
205	172	Cadbury Schweppes	203	206		+8	8.7	4.2	22.9	10,000
564	444	Coats Viyella	514	518		+10	17.9	3.5	15.4	1,000
295	257	Corn Union	288	291		-5	17.4	6.0	..	2,300
715	553	Cons Goldfields	710	717		+5	35.0	4.9	20.4	1,000
350	286	Courtaulds	348	351	●	+8	10.2	2.9	11.8	1,800
227	201	Dee Corp	223	228		+2	10.6	4.7	18.3	6,700
350	176	Dixons Grp	348	352		+8	4.3	1.2	24.9	5,700
650	409	Fisons	590	595	●	+12	8.4	1.4	28.4	1,500
954	759	Gen Accident	848	865		-12	34.3	4.0	21.4	136
216	180	GEC	191	195		+1	8.5	3.5	12.0	4,500
11½	897	Glaxo	11¼	11¼		..	20.0	1.8	23.8	1,500
491	365	Grand Met	452	457		-5	14.8	3.2	13.7	1,700
11⅛	934	GUS 'A'	10⅛	10⅝		+⅛	31.4	3.0	14.5	687
953	767½	GRE	816	825		-10	42.5	5.2	28.8	254
365	235	GKN	293	296	●	..	17.9	6.1	8.9	736
365	274	Guinness	296	301	●	-11	11.6	3.9	11.3	14,000
218½	158	Hanson	202	204	●	+1	8.1	3.0	12.8	8,300
623	403	Hawker Siddeley	500	506		+4	21.4	4.3	11.1	755
12⅞	862	Imp Chem Ind	11½	11⅝		..	48.6	4.2	13.0	1,700
596	360	Jaguar	584	589		-4	12.7	2.2	12.1	1,700

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407	313	Ladbroke	395	400		-5	16.8	4.2	19.0	219
350	302	Land Securities	342	345		-6	14.5	4.2	23.0	1,800
285	218	Legal & Gen	282	287		-5	12.3	4.6	33.8	3,100
564	352	Lloyds	448	455		-5	25.0	5.5	7.3	570
301	196	Lonrho	245	250		..	17.1	6.9	12.3	1,000
231	189½	Marks & Spencer	194	197	●	-1	5.8	3.0	23.4	8,000
608	507	Midland	590	597		-6	37.1	6.4	21.7	1,200
925	447	Nat West	545	552		-5	27.8	5.0	5.7	1,800
576	481	P & O Dfd	550	555		+5	26.4b	4.8	15.8	1,000
616	443	Pearson	593	598		-4	15.4	2.5	19.8	714
591	398	Pilkington Bros	620	630	●	-1	21.4	3.4	10.5	665
246	162	Plessey	185	192		+2	7.2	3.8	14.0	4,900
[illegible]	748	Prudential	[illegible]	842		-3	38.5	4.6	55.4	2,400
234	146	Racal Elect	184	188		..	4.3	2.3	15.7	1,300
589	467	Rank Org	563	570		+14	22.5	4.0	20.0	1,800
[illegible]	734	Reckitt & Colman	914	921		+1	23.9	2.6	19.6	135
584½	279	Reuters	575	581		+6	5.4	0.9	43.5	584
791	532	RTZ	745	752		+27	31.4	4.2	9.9	1,600
540	365	Rowntree	427	432		+4	18.0	4.2	11.9	1,700
967	762	Royal Ins	863	870		-12	[illegible]	4.5	71.1	894
449	344	Sainsbury (J)	431	436	●	-2	8.4	1.9	25.3	1,400
140½	[illegible]	Sears	124	125¼		-½	5.0	4.0	16.1	8,000
395	300	Sedgwick Gp	322	327		+2	17.1	5.3	15.5	791
10¾	733	Shell	10⅝	10¾		..	51.4	5.0	10.1	4,000
262	112	Smith & Nephew	133	135		-1	3.5	2.6	22.9	1,800
193½	122	STC	191	195		+5	2.1	1.1	17.9	6,100
804	647	Stan Chart	788	795		..	46.4	5.9	9.8	115
[illegible]	256½	Storehouse	278	283	●	-4	11.0	3.9	14.9	1,800
772	618	Sun Alliance	688	695		-10	27.5	4.0	62.3	287
102	72	TSB P/P	75	76		+1½	6.1	8.1	..	5,500
428	360	Tesco	422	427	●	+4½	8.9	2.1	24.3	1,400
529	442	Thorn-EMI	500	507	●	..	25.0	5.0	36.9	2,400
330	183½	Trafalgar House	290	292	●	-1	18.9	6.3	11.1	612
196	139	Trusthouse Forte	152	155		-2	7.9	4.3	18.2	1,300
22	15	Unilever	21¾	22		..	60.1	2.7	20.1	230
269	218	Utd Biscuits	239	242		..	13.6b	5.5	19.0	2,200
279	174	Wellcome	240	251	●	..	3.0	1.2	30.7	3,300
925	685	Woolworth	695	705		-3	22.9	3.3	16.0	135

COMMENT

Life commissions: time for a radical rethink

Life assurance is sold, not bought, runs the old adage. But, with the life industry dancing such a strenuous jig over commission payments it makes to insurance brokers and other intermediaries which introduce business, the time has come for a radical rethink on the entire structure of remuneration for personal finance go-betweens.

The life industry has been beset by commission squabbles in recent years. Until the end of 1982 the Life Offices' Association, which has since been merged into the Association of British Insurers, operated a not very closely knit commissions agreement. A condition of LOA membership was that life companies had to abide by the payment of maximum levels of commission to intermediaries.

Problem was that an uncomfortably large number of life companies simply chose to either stay outside or to leave the LOA and retain the freedom to pay their business supporters what amounted to a sweetener to place business their way. These companies included not only the newer aggressive unit-linked companies such as Abbey Life, Schroder and, for a time, Hambro Life (now Allied Dunbar) but also older-established concerns like Equity & Law.

By the autumn of 1982 the system was creaking so badly that the LOA threw in the towel and, uncharacteristically for any insurance trade association, invited the Government to step in, which declined to do.

But dire predictions of a commission war came to nothing and over the last four years the life assurance industry's attention has been increasingly taken up with how the problem would be tackled under the emerging Securities and Investments Board regime.

We got part of the answer a month or so before Christmas when the Life Assurance and Unit Trust Regulatory Organisation (Lautro) published its commission proposals.

This was an important step because Lautro is likely to be one of the self-regulating bodies which will have to satisfy SIB that it is patrolling its own patch of the financial services world effectively, and that includes ensuring that insurance commissions are properly policed.

Lautro demonstrated its awareness of the sensitive nature of the subject by stating that an industry commission agreement was essential to avoid a process of bidding-up commissions at the expense of the consumer.

Reaction to the Lautro proposals from insurance trade bodies, as well as from the Unit Trust Association, has concerned itself with trying to refine a fundamentally illogical structure. In the present set-up this is probably as much as can be expected but no-one should be surprised if an eventually successful attempt to cobble together an industry-wide compromise results in the creation of as many anomalies as it destroys.

The essence of the problem lies in the system itself because it is one which dictates that the intermediary faces the intolerable temptation to point clients in the direction of contracts which pay him commission rather than those which do not even though they might suit the client better.

Moreover, it is no use arguing that this temptation will disappear after a level playing field on commissions is achieved. That partial solution does not tackle the problem of intermediaries failing to place business with non-commission offices such as Equitable Life even though their "best advice" instincts may tell them to do so. That is the point at which business practice and impartial advice part company.

The partial solution also ignores a whole range of savings and investment possibilities — National Savings and investment trusts among them — which do not begin to compete with life assurance and unit trusts on commission grounds.

If a member of the public presents a financial problem to a financial intermediary, he should be entitled to a financial solution. All too often, however, he will get an insurance-based solution which may or may not be appropriate. It is not the intermediary's fault. It is an act of survival on his part.

The solution must be to turn, however slowly and painfully, to a system of payment by the public for their financial advice with a corresponding reduction of premium rates and/or front-end charges. Many life company chiefs and financial intermediaries are prepared to concede privately that if life assurance were being invented today, this is how the industry would be structured. But, they add, we live in the real world where the British public is just not accustomed to paying for its financial advice.

True enough, but why not allocate some of the millions of pounds that life assurers will spend over the next few months on encouraging the public to deal through an independent intermediary, to educating them on the payment of fees? Fee-based advice is commonplace in accountancy and the law. Why not in financial services whose practitioners are so keen nowadays to stress their professionalism?

Without such a sea-change the sins of commission will continue no matter how elaborate the rule books become. A big nudge in the right direction would come with some concerted lobbying of the Chancellor to make financial advice fees tax-deductible.

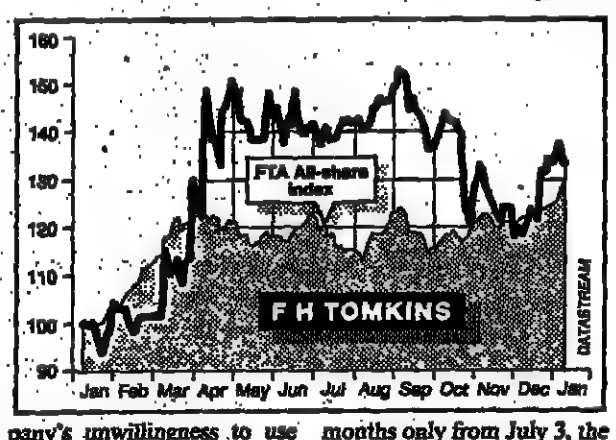
TEMPUS

City has great expectations for Tomkins in the longer term

FH Tomkins shares bounced 16p higher to 304p on the interim results but they are still a long way from recapturing the heady rating of earlier days.

Pretax profits, including four-and-a-half months of Pegler-Hattersley, almost quadrupled to £9.3 million from £2.4 million, on turnover up from £26.5 million to £93.5 million.

The prospective p/e ratio, assuming full-year profits of £28.5 million and tax at 35 per cent, is just under 15½ fully diluted. It is the lowest rating since Mr Greg Hutchings, chief executive, took over at Tomkins in 1983.



The reason is market sentiment, rather than fears that Mr Hutchings is losing his touch. To some extent the growing size of the company inevitably puts the brake on high ratings, as the upside becomes constrained by the company's ability to find larger and larger acquisitions.

The City has also fallen out of love with acquisition-powered conglomerates, especially those such as Tomkins that do not give breakdowns of the performance of individual companies.

Pegler-Hattersley's contribution has not been separated from those of longer-held Tomkins' companies.

Undoubtedly some of these did very well and showed good organic growth. The former GKN subsidiaries, bought in August 1985, achieved a significant profit increase on a small rise in sales and the return on capital employed rose more than 45 per cent.

Totectors and Ferraris Piston Service also had excellent first halves. The British industrial fastener companies faced a difficult market but are generating a good cash flow and the French distribution companies continued their improvement.

The integration of Pegler is still under way, but is not taking up so much management time that Tomkins would refuse another acquisition if the right opportunity presented itself. The problem is not lack of opportunity but the company's unwillingness to use its shares at present levels.

The rapidly-growing cash pile of nearly £40 million, including short-term investments, gives Tomkins leeway to gear up for a cash bid of up to £110 million.

There are enough companies around fitting Tomkins' acquisition criteria to give it scope. The mood against contested bids at present is also unlikely to deter it. It has enough confidence to believe it could plead its case, if the target was right. It would also be willing to buy into new business areas to broaden its base away from industrial valves, building and industrial products and distribution.

Given market sentiment, the shares are unlikely to outperform in the short term. The City is, however, confident the company will continue to notch up growing profits and has £35.5 million pencilled in for 1987-88.

Ratners

Ratners, Britain's biggest jewellery chain, makes no secret of its ambition. Jewellery is the only sector of the retail trade still in the the hands of the independents, and Mr Gerald Ratner, the chairman, aims to capture 50 per cent of the market, compared with the 19 per cent he has now.

If the interim results are anything to go by, he should achieve his ambition.

Turnover jumped 32 per cent to £55.2 million of which Ratners was £24.5 million, up 50 per cent and H Samuel (which was included for three months only from July 3, the date of acquisition) was up 22 per cent to £30.7 million. A pretax profit of £2.2 million was reported for the six months to October 6, traditionally a loss-making period for the highly seasonal jewellery trade.

H Samuel stores are, on the whole bigger and better located than those of Ratners, giving it even greater potential to sell low-priced jewellery in volume. Ratners sales of £560 per square foot are more than double H Samuel's, so the potential is vast.

Some of the larger stores will be split to create a Ratners outlet or a Terry's outlet, Ratners other main trading name, next door. The H Samuel name is being retained and there will be some differentiation within the stores. The price of an item sold in H Samuel will be typically £25, compared with £15 in Ratners and £10 in Terry's.

Expansion plans will take the number of outlets from 600 now to 1000 by 1990. Obtaining sites is not usually difficult since the ideal jeweller's shop is too small to attract other retailers.

On completion of the sale and leaseback deal next March, gearing will fall to 30 per cent. There are another 79 freeholds and 30 long leaseholds which could provide future capital requirements.

The introduction of 2000 of fastest selling Ratners lines boosted H Samuel's pre-Christmas sales by 40 per cent. Ratners' own sales were up 50 per cent. Consequently, analysts are looking for full year pretax profits of £20 to £21 million for the final results to January 1987. The premium multiple of 17.5 is well deserved.

Ellis & Everard

Ellis & Everard is not entirely unhappy about the big freeze because its recently acquired Cargo Fleet Chemicals has a business distributing de-icers and anti-freeze.

Cargo Fleet is earning its way in more ways than one. Without its maiden contribution, Ellis & Everard's interims are less impressive with turnover a whisker lower and profits up by under 20 per cent.

With a fifth of the British market and wide geographical coverage, the way forward at home is by improving the range and mix of products.

In the US, however, there is still scope for geographical expansion. The group's most recent purchase, Apperson Chemicals, places it in the top 10 US chemical distributors with an annual turnover of $75 million (£50.4 million) but a market share of under 1 per cent.

The solvents and petrochemicals-oriented business, Prillaman, has suffered from lower oil prices but is holding its own. A lack of activity in Middle Eastern and Nigerian markets affected the exports division's turnover but high-margin contracts pushed profits ahead.

Although still suffering from the loss of a big customer, ground is being made up in the manufacturing division; the spread of business is now much improved.

Although Ellis & Everard is seen to be Europe's only independent distributor, its relationship with ICI, which has a 28 per cent shareholding, is very close. The new larger chemicals and polymers grouping at ICI should lead to increased business for Ellis & Everard.

The present year's profits ought to exceed £6 million and could rise by a further 20 per cent to more than £7 million in 1987/88. Despite their recent rise, the shares on a p/e ratio of 14 times should continue to make steady progress.

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MIM Japan Performance	Dec '85	58.9%	£1,589
Schroder Japan Smaller Co's	Dec '85	52.6%	£1,526
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American Growth	158.2	168.2	+13.6	0.84
Asian Pacific	63.4	67.4	+3.1	1.88
Assets & Earns	113.1	120.3	+3.6	2.36
Capital Reserve	68.5	68.9	+0.6	1.61
Comm & Energy	101.4	107.8	+4.6	1.06
European Capital	100.9	107.3	-0.1	1.18
General	144.8	154.0c	+5.7	2.78
Japan	77.5	82.4	+0.8	..
UK Growth Inc	110.0	117.0	+4.7	1.34
Do Accum	159.1	169.2	+4.7	0.83
US Emerging Co's	54.9	58.4	+3.1	0.09
Equitas Progress	218.2	232.1	+8.7	3.11
Mastertst.Acc	68.9	73.2	+2.4	2.24
American Inc	48.6	51.6	+3.2	5.06
ALLIED DUNBAR UNIT TRUSTS				
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UK Special Sits	239.9	254.3	+8.9	3.15
Growth & Income	140.5	149.0	+5.1	3.04
Capital Trust	225.5	249.9	+9.3	2.77
Balanced	376.1	398.7	+15.8	3.45
Accum Trust	580.9	615.7	+22.9	3.09
American Income	33.9	36.1	+2.1	4.13
High Income Tst	267.2	283.2	+10.5	4.63
Equity Income	147.7	158.8	+6.3	4.92
High Yield	153.5	162.8	+5.7	5.15
Govt Secs Trust	28.2	29.3	+0.3	8.63
International	95.1	101.3c	+3.3	0.80
Japan Fund	122.4	130.4	+0.6	0.01
Pacific Trust	203.8	217.0	+1.7	0.82
Amer Spcl Sits	69.6	74.1	+4.8	1.39
Secs Of Amer Tst	212.0	225.6	+17.1	0.91
Aid Asset Value	243.7	259.3	+8.6	3.29
Conv & Gilt Tst	35.1	37.0	+0.6	7.05
Smaller Co's	133.7	141.7e	+3.9	3.04
2nd Smaller Co's	170.8	180.8	+4.2	2.22
Recovery Trust	86.7	91.9	+2.5	2.03
CS FUND MANAGERS				
125, High Holborn, London WC1V 6PY 01-242 1148				
CS Japan Fund	86.0	92.4	+1.5	0.05
CANNON FUND MANAGERS				
1, Olympic Way, Wembley, HA9 0NB 01-902 8876				
Growth	309.2	329.8	+10.8	2.82
Income	351.7	372.7	+11.8	4.40
Far East	242.9	257.1	-1.4	0.24
North American	155.1	164.1	+10.5	0.56
Global	53.8	57.0	+2.7	0.00
European	57.6	60.8	+0.5	1.29
Japan	60.5	64.1	-0.3	0.60
CAPEL (JAMES) MANAGEMENT				
PO Box 551 6 Bevis Marks London EC3 7JQ 01-621 0011				
Capital	380.9	405.3	+7.4	1.74
Income	302.8	322.2	+13.8	4.81
North American	296.6	315.8	+17.0	1.17

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UNLISTED SECURITIES

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INVESTMENT TRUSTS

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FINANCIAL TRUSTS

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The prices in this section refer to Friday's trading

● Ex dividend. c Cum dividend. k Cum stock split. s Ex stock split. m Cum all (any two or more of above). a Ex all (any two or more of above). Dealing or valuation days: (1) Monday. (2) Tuesday. (3) Wednesday. (4) Thursday. (5) Friday. (20) 25th of month. (21) 2nd Thursday of month. (22) 1st and 3rd Wednesday of month. (23) 20th of month. (24) 3rd Tuesday of month. (25) 1st and 3rd Thursday of month. (26) 4th Tuesday of month. (27) 1st Wednesday of month. (28) Last Thursday of month. (29) 3rd working day of month. (30) 16th of month. (31) 1st working day of month. (32) 20th of month. (33) 1st day of February, May, August, November. (34) Last working day of month. (35) 15th of month. (36) 14th of month. (37) 21st of month. (38) 3rd Wednesday of month. (39) 2nd Wednesday of month. (40) Valued monthly. (41) Last Thursday of Stock Exchange account. (42) Last day of month. (43) 2nd and 4th Wednesday of month. (44) Quarterly. (45) 6th of month. (46) 2nd Tuesday of month.

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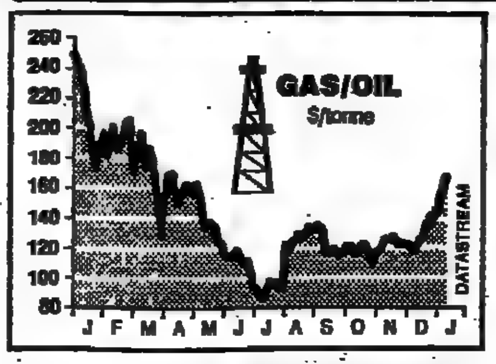

Gasoil put in a very strong rally yesterday following the reports of very cold weather throughout Europe. There are forecasts of more cold to come and Gasoil supplies are now starting to get very tight for prompt shipment. Comment by GNI.

INTERNATIONAL PETROLEUM EXCHANGE
Supplied via Commodity Market Services Ltd

HEAVY FUEL OIL
Feb 112.5-13.0
Mar 109.0-11.0
Apr 104.0-08.0
Vol: 8

GAS OIL
Feb 173.50-73.25
Mar 167.75-67.50
Apr 161.50-61.25
May 156.75-56.50
Jun 155.50-54.00
Jul 162.00-50.00
Aug 162.00-50.00
Sep 162.00-50.00
Oct 162.00-50.00
Vol: 5330

LONDON COMMODITY EXCHANGE

SUGAR (From C. Czarnikow)
FOB
Mar 147.4-40.0
May 151.4-51.0
Aug 156.8-55.0
Oct 159.8-58.8
Dec 164.8-61.8
Mar 174.0-71.0
Vol: 2444

COCOA
Mar 1373-72
May 1400-98
Jul 1427-25
Sep 1453-50
Dec 1480-78
Mar 1507-05
May 1530-20
Vol: 2128

COFFEE
Jan 1605-600
Mar 1600-595
May 1620-619
Jul 1645-642
Sep 1672-670
Nov 1700-685
Jan 1720-690
Vol: 4375

SOYABEAN
Feb 130.4-29.5
Apr 129.0-28.7
Jun 122.2-21.7
Aug 121.0-20.0
Oct 122.2-21.8
Dec 124.0-23.6
Feb 127.0-25.0
Vol: 199

LONDON METAL EXCHANGE
Unofficial prices
Official Turnover figures
Price in £ per metric tonne
Silver in pence per troy ounce
Rudolf Wolf & Co. Ltd. report

COPPER GRADE A
Cash 912.50-913.50
Three Months 935.50-936.00
Vol 2900
Tone Steady

STANDARD CATHODES
Cash 886.00-888.00
Three Months 912.00-913.00
Vol Nil
Tone Idle

LEAD
Cash 332.00-333.00
Three Months 303.00-303.50
Vol 2650
Tone Steady

ZINC HIGH GRADE
Cash 506.00-507.00
Three Months 503.00-504.00
Vol 5900
Tone Irregular

SILVER LARGE
Cash 375.00-376.00
Three Months 384.00-386.00
Vol Nil
Tone Idle

SILVER SMALL
Cash 375.00-376.00
Three Months 384.00-386.00
Vol Nil
Tone Idle

ALUMINIUM
Cash 786.00-787.00
Three Months 795.00-795.50
Vol 700
Tone Barely Steady

NICKEL
Cash 2305-2310
Three Months 2355-2358
Vol 24
Tone Barely Steady

MEAT AND LIVESTOCK COMMISSION
Average fatstock prices at representative markets on January 12

GB: Cattle, 95.39p per kg lw (+0.82)
GB: Sheep 190.10p per kg* (-17.27)
GB: Pigs, 75.12p per kg lw (+0.25)
* est. dead carcase weight

England and Wales:
Cattle nos. down 11.3 %, ave. price, 95.68p(+0.86)
Sheep nos. down 27.9 %, ave. price, 191.05p(-15.57)
Pig nos. down 25.6 %, ave. price, 75.07p(+0.22)

Scotland:
Cattle nos. down 25.7 %, ave. price, 92.74p(+0.19)
Sheep nos. down 8.8 %, ave. price, 185.63p(-26.25)
Pig nos. down 35.1 %, ave. price, 82.32p(+4.73)

LONDON MEAT FUTURES
Live Pig Contract p. per kilo

Month	Open	Close
Feb	unq.	95.3
Apr	unq.	95.0
Jun	unq.	95.3
Aug	unq.	95.5

Vol: 0

Pig Meat vol: 0

Live Cattle Contract p. per kilo

Month	Open	Close
Feb	unq.	97.0
Apr	unq.	99.0
Jun	unq.	98.5

Vol: n/a

LONDON GRAIN FUTURES
£ per tonne

Month	Wheat Close	Barley Close
Jan	111.40	110.75
Mar	113.60	112.85
May	116.05	114.35
Jul	118.10	
Sep	100.60	100.10
Nov	102.65	102.85

Vol: Wheat 156
Barley 73

LONDON POTATO FUTURES
£ per tonne

Month	Open	Close
Feb	n/a	115.0
Apr	n/a	176.7
May	n/a	195.4
Nov	n/a	89.0

Vol: 2860

BIFFEX
G.N.I. Freight Futures Ltd Dry Cargo Report ($10 per point)

	High/Low	Close
Jan 87	825.0-805.0	805.0
Apr 87	835.0-810.0	810.0
Jul 87	710.0-695.0	690.0
Oct 87	830.0-812.0	803.5

Vol: 629 lots Open interest: 2343
Spot market commentary:
Dry cargo index: 788.5 up 23.0 on 9/1/87

STOCK EXCHANGE PRICES

Firm start to account

ACCOUNT DAYS: Dealings began yesterday. Dealings end January 23. §Contango day January 26. Settlement day February 2.
§Forward bargains are permitted on two previous business days.

Where stocks have only one price quoted, these are middle prices taken daily at 5pm. Yield, change and P/E ratio are calculated on the middle price

Portfolio —Gold—

From your portfolio card check your eight share price movements on this page only. Add them up to give you your overall total and check this against the daily dividend figure. If it matches, you have won outright or a share of the total daily prize money stated. If you are a winner follow the claim procedure on the back of your card. You must always have your card available when claiming.

No.	Company	Group	Gain or loss
1	Friendly Hotels	Hotels,Caterers	
2	Kelsey Ind	Industrials E-K	
3	Allied Colloids	Chemicals,Plas	
4	Brown Shipley	Banks,Discount	
5	Chysalis	Leisure	
6	Spirax-Sarco	Industrials S-Z	
7	Ford Motor	Motors,Aircraft	
8	Tate & Lyle	Foods	
9	Body Shop	Drapery,Stores	
10	Newarthill	Building,Roads	
11	Eurotherm	Electricals	
12	Independent	Newspapers	
13	Barker (Charles)	Paper,Print,Adv	
14	Triton Europe	Oil	
15	Miles 33	Electricals	
16	Courtney Pope	Industrials A-D	
17	Lister	Textiles	
18	Carroll	Tobaccos	
19	APV	Industrials A-D	
20	Clark (Matthew)	Breweries	
21	Hewden-Stuart	Building,Roads	
22	Provident	Banks,Discount	
23	Ferguson Ind	Paper,Print,Adv	
24	Unigate	Foods	
25	VSEL	Industrials S-Z	
26	Utd Newspapers	Newspapers	
27	Realbrook Hldgs	Chemicals,Plas	
28	Spring Ram	Industrials S-Z	
29	Next	Drapery,Stores	
30	LWT Hldgs	Cinemas,TV	
31	Brent Walker	Leisure	
32	Lex	Motors,Aircraft	
33	Meggitt	Industrials L-R	
34	Reed Executive	Industrials L-R	
35	Rover	Motors,Aircraft	
36	Barker & Dobson	Foods	
37	Nihn Foods	Foods	
38	Telephone Rentals	Electricals	
39	Miller (Stanley)	Building,Roads	
40	Br Car Auctions	Motors,Aircraft	
41	Hunting Group	Industrials E-K	
42	Hunter Saphir	Foods	
43	Laing (J)	Building,Roads	
44	Blue Arrow	Industrials A-D	
	© Times Newspapers Ltd.	Daily Total	

Please take into account any minus signs

Weekly Dividend						
Please make a note of your daily totals for the weekly dividend of £8,000 in Saturday's newspaper.						
MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT	Weekly Total

Portfolio —Gold—

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DAILY DIVIDEND
£4,000
Claims required for
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Claimants should ring 0254-53272

BRITISH FUNDS

SHORTS (Under Five Years) [illegible]

FIVE TO FIFTEEN YEARS [illegible]

OVER FIFTEEN YEARS [illegible]

UNDATED [illegible]

INDEX-LINKED [illegible]

BANKS DISCOUNT HP

1986 High	Low	Company	Bid	Offer	Ch'ge	Gross div p	Yld %	P/E
261	216	Allied Irish	258	263	+1	8.0b	3.4	7.5
90	76	Ansbacher (Henry)	88	90	..	..	..	46.4
276	236	Aus New Z	268	270	●+1	15.0b	5.6	..
11⅛	9⅝	Bankamerica	10¼	..	..	..	..	..
291	183½	Bank Of Ireland	212	217	..	17.0	7.9	..
11¾	11½	Bank Leumi Israel	10½	13	..	..	..	..
250	250	Bank Leumi UK	240	260	..	1.7	0.7	11.7
427	364	Bank Of Scotland	423	427	+1	20.7	4.9	8.5
69	65	Bank Of Wales	68	70	..	..	..	..
519	465	Barclays	517	520	+3	28.1	5.4	7.5
58	35	Benchmark	55	58	..	2.3	4.0	18.8
603	573	Brown Shipley	595	600	+5	13.8	2.3	27.7
318	288	Cater Allen	310	315	..	28.9	9.2	38.2
55	46½	Cattles	54½	55½	+½	2.9	5.3	15.2
27¼	24	Chase Manhattan	26¼	..	●-¾	139	5.3	..
39⅝	34⅝	Citicorp	37¼	..	-⅝	206	5.4	..
115	104	Commerzbank	104½	..	-½	8.0	0.1	..
303½	256¼	Deutsche Bank	276¾	..	-¼	200	4.4	..
34½	28½	Equity & Gen	30½	31½	..	1.3	4.2	29.2
222	160	First Nat Finance	211	213	●+2	8.1	4.3	7.7
330	263	Gerrard Nat	320	..	..	22.1	6.9	..
192	78	Guinness Peat	91	92	●+¾	3.4	3.7	15.2
292½	235	Hambros	257	260	●-1	10.6n	4.1	18.5
481	325	Hill Samuel	478	480	+10	18.1	4.0	16.6
84½	55	HK Shanghai	82½	86	..	3.3	3.9	..
520	405	Joseph (Leopold)	460	480	..	18.2	3.8	18.9
192	134	King & Shaxson	150	154	+4	12.5	8.2	12.9
655	455	Kleinwort Benson	595	600	+1	18.0	3.2	13.1
564	352	Lloyds	450	455	-4	29.0	5.6	7.3
82	53	Lon Scot	73	78	..	3.7	4.9	14.3
453	260	Mercury Intl	375	378	..	8.8	2.3	..
153	106	Do 6% 'A'	127	130	+7	8.6	6.7	..
605	507	Midland	586	590	-5	37.1	6.3	21.8
465	337	Morgan Grenfell	400	402	..	12.1	3.0	..
321	191	Nat Aust Bk	293	297	..	..	..	..
923	447	Nat West	550	555	-1	27.8	5.0	5.8
126	105	Ottoman	126	..	..	50.0	4.8	9.9
476	280	Provident	382	385	+3	18.5b	4.8	10.7
232	229	SEA Gp	225	230	●..	2.9	1.3	17.0

BREWERIES

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BUILDINGS AND ROADS

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CHEMICALS, PLASTICS

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CINEMAS AND TV

1986 High	Low	Company	Bid	Offer	Ch'ge	Gross div p	Yld %	P/E
343	178	Anglia TV 'A'	341	348	+12	13.9	4.1	17.9
[illegible]	[illegible]	Carlton TV	[illegible]	[illegible]	..	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
62	40	Grampian	46	48	..	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
240	160	HTV N/V	220	225	+1	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
477	263	LWT Hldgs	455	465	+1	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
380	315	Scot TV	356	360	-1	[illegible]	[illegible]	11.1
280	1	TVS N/V	275	278	+11	14.3	[illegible]	[illegible]
50	38	TSW	47½	49	..	2.8	[illegible]	[illegible]
341	219	Thames TV	320	323	+8	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
226	137	TV-AM	225	227	..	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
149	73½	Ulster TV	85	88	±+1	6.6	[illegible]	4.3
205	138	Yorkshire TV	198	202	●..	8.8	4.4	12.5

DRAPERY AND STORES

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ELECTRICALS

1986 High	Low	Company	Bid	Offer	Ch'ge	Gross div p	Yld %	P/E
358	283	AB Elect	355	360	+10	14.3	4.0	18.7
240	188	Alphameric	212	217	+2	2.7	1.3	21.8
138	100	Amstrad	137	139	+8	0.5	0.4	14.5
49	12½	Applied Computer	38	42	..	..	..	10.2
110	88	Arlen	103	109	●+1	0.7	0.7	11.1
340	235	Atlantic Comp	335	340	+3	4.1	1.2	18.8
79	68	Audio Fidelity	72	75	..	..	..	17.9

FINANCE AND LAND

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Financial Trusts appear on Page 20

FOODS

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HOTELS AND CATERERS

1986 High	Low	Company	Bid	Offer	Ch'ge	Gross div p	Yld %	P/E
148	139	Friendly Hotels	146	149	+4	1.0	0.7	73.2
481	365	Grand Met	464	467	-3	14.8	3.2	13.1
305	208	Kennedy Brookes	258	263	-3	2.6b	1.1	13.4
409	313	Ladbroke	397	399	-1	16.6	4.2	18.0
352	421	Lon Park Hotels	335	345	+8	14.3	4.3	16.4
185	76½	Mount Charlotte	104½	105½	-1	3.1	3.0	17.3
130	73	Prince Of W Hotels	110	112	-17	[illegible]	[illegible]	23.4
72	38½	Queens Moat	72	73	+1½	[illegible]	[illegible]	18.1
403	345	Savoy Hotels 'A'	377	389	+2	[illegible]	[illegible]	14.9
84	60	Stakis	[illegible]	[illegible]	..	[illegible]	[illegible]	18.1
180	138	Trusthouse Forte	184	186	-1	7.0	4.3	18.3

INDUSTRIALS A-D

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INSURANCE

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LEISURE

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MINING

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MOTORS AND AIRCRAFT

1986 High	Low	Company	Bid	Offer	Ch'ge	Gross div p	Yld %	P/E
360	320	AC	355	365	..	..	..	..
285	220	AE	265	267	+1	10.7b	3.7	13.7
16	14½	Alexanders	14½	15½	..	..	..	29.4
180	153	Appleyard	180	185	+3	8.6b	4.7	8.8
136	115	Armstrong	134	135	+½	3.9	2.9	13.1
58½	48	BSG	57	57½	+½	1.7	3.0	17.8
278	137	Bramall (CD)	147	152	+6	5.6	3.7	16.5
542	488	Br Aerospace	540	543	+8	23.4	4.3	11.4
193	155	Br Car Auctions	192	194	●+3	6.4	3.3	17.2
320	195	Caffyns	303	310	●+26	9.3	3.0	..
218	187	Cowie (T)	215	218	+1	5.7	2.6	10.1
144	113	Dave (Godfrey)	141	143	●..	6.4	4.5	12.7
244	192	Dowty	242	245	+2	7.9	3.2	15.8
[illegible]	[illegible]	ERF	[illegible]	[illegible]	..	..	..	3.5
309	287	FR Group	307	310	..	4.9	1.6	21.1
283	169	Ford Motor	215	..	+6	7.0	3.3	..
131	83	Gates (Frank G)	128	134	..	4.3	3.5	15.2
258	211	General Motor	231	..	..	25.0	10.8	..
157	88	Glanfield Lawrence	85	89	-1	..	..	..
114	75	Hartwells	88	90	●+1	3.8	4.3	10.9
812	398	Honda Motor	565	..	-22	3.8	0.7	..
[illegible]	[illegible]	Jaguar	580	581	-1	12.7	2.2	12.2
[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	114	117	+4	6.4	5.5	33.0
[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	105	106	+1½	2.7	2.6	18.6
402	281	Lex	298	300	+8	15.1	5.1	17.0
218	111	Lookers	210	215	●-1	7.6	3.6	13.5
553	432	Lucas	492	495	●-1	18.6	3.8	9.6
155	111	Perry Gp	152	157	-3	6.4	4.1	14.2
101	66	Plaxtons (GB)	98	99	..	6.4	6.5	23.3
168	83	Quick (HJ)	143	153	..	4.3	2.8	23.3
45	37	Rover	43	45	+2	..	..	..
91	58	Supra	86	90	..	3.1	3.5	13.7
98	58	Westland	80	83	+1	..	..	4.9
104	40	Woodhead (Jonas)	102	105	+2	1.4	1.3	17.3

NEWSPAPERS AND PUBLISHERS

1986 High	Low	Company	Bid	Offer	Ch'ge	Gross div p	Yld %	P/E
178	147	Accord	176	180	+10	4.4	2.5	21.7
[illegible]	[illegible]	Assoc Book	243	248	+1	8.2	3.3	15.6
428	308	Assoc Newspaper	403	405	-2	8.5	2.1	22.1
330	305	Black (A&C)	325	335	+5	14.8	4.4	18.2
757	385	Bristol	185	195	z-554	41.4	21.8	5.3
490	430	Collins (Wm)	470	480	+5	11.4	2.4	21.4
343	283	Do 'A'	330	335	..	11.4	3.4	16.0
178	123	EMAP 'A'	158	163	+1	3.4	2.1	28.7
375	273	Haynes Publishing	305	315	..	20.0	6.5	18.0
301	153	Home Counties	278	288	+3	12.5	4.4	18.9
380	250	Independent	342	352	+2	12.0	3.5	..
704	424	Int Thomson	667	674	-6	14.0	2.1	17.7
75½	15½	Maxwell Comm	622	652	+2	..	..	..
23½	18½	News International	22	22½	..	12.9	0.6	..
625	445	Octopus	510	518	●+8	10.4	2.0	18.3
165	112	Portsmouth Sund	157	162	-1	5.9	3.7	28.7
478	328	Trinity Intl	475	480	●..	22.8	4.7	13.7
428	320	Utd Newspapers	425	430	●+3	22.9	5.4	17.1

OIL

1986 High	Low	Company	Bid	Offer	Ch'ge	Gross div p	Yld %	P/E
127	82	Aviopel	120	124	..			
38	22	Aran Energy	34	36	-1			
33	17	Atlantic Resources	30	32				
110	58	Aus Oil & Gas	107	112				
21½	5	BOM	18	19½	-½	..	..	..
453	409	Br Borneo	450	455	..	30.0	6.6	16.1
782	558	Br Petroleum	760	762	+5	48.6	6.4	8.3
179½	135	Brasil	177	178	+½	9.3	5.2	4.8
80	71	Bryson	88	92	..	..	..	..
407	334	Burmah	402	404	●-3	18.2	4.5	12.4
86	61	Carless Capel	85	88	●-½	3.9	4.6	16.0
138	120	Century	130	133	●+5	7.3	5.5	9.6
35½	30½	Charterhall	35	35½	+1½	..	..	60.1
81	44½	Clyde	60	62	+2	2.1	3.4	7.3
196½	148	Enterprise	136	138	+5	12.1	8.1	7.8
56	22	Feedland	30	32	..	..	..	..
350	200	Global Nt Res	300	..	..	..	..	..
58	38	Goal Pet	55	57	+1	1.4	2.5	21.1
74	39	Gt Western Res	62	67	●+3	2.9	4.5	..

OVERSEAS TRADERS

1986 High	Low	Company	Bid	Offer	Ch'ge	Gross div p	Yld %	P/E
158	85	Dalgety	132	137	..	10.0	7.4	11.9
97	75	Finlay (James)	85	88	..	5.9	6.8	..
504	325	Harrison Crosfield	493	500	..	26.8	5.7	25.2
382½	330	Inchcape	351½	355	+1	23.9	4.7	42.9
37	32½	Jacks (Wm)	35½	36½	+½	1.7b	4.7	13.4
261	198	Lonrho	243	250	+½	17.1	6.9	12.3
88	45	Ocean Wilson	83	88	+1	3.6	4.2	15.0
288	205	Paterson Zoch	280	285	+2	8.3	3.2	7.5
288	205	Do 'A'	288	283	+1	8.3	3.2	7.5
213	128	Polly Peck	167	172	..	8.6	5.6	3.0
67	38	Sime Darby	65	68	+2	..	..	..
645	545	Steel Bros	627	647	..	22.9a	3.6	17.7
224	121	Tozer Kemsley	158	160	-2	..	..	57.0
271	156	Yule Catto	258½	263½	+13	12.1b	4.6	12.1

PAPER, PRINTING, ADVERT'G

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PROPERTY

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SHIPPING

1986 High	Low	Company	Bid	Offer	Ch'ge	Gross div p	Yld %	P/E
373	275	Assoc Br Ports	360	363	-6	8.8b	2.4	20.0
[illegible]	[illegible]	Br Commonwealth	332	334	+3	8.1b	2.4	23.4
[illegible]	[illegible]	Caledonia	306	310	+2	7.4	2.4	54.2
85	61	Fisher (James)	65	68	+2	4.6	7.2	12.2
[illegible]	[illegible]	Graig	495	505	..	21.4	4.3	41.5
76	57	Jacobs (J I)	66	69	..	5.1b	7.6	51.1
9⅛	4½	Lyle	8	9	..	..	..	0.7
41	28	Mersey Docks	36	38	-½	..	..	8.7
255	182	Ocean Transport	248	250	+7	12.9	5.2	11.3
576	461	P & O Dfd	553	555	+6	28.4b	4.8	15.9
173	88	Runciman (Walter)	160	165	..	7.1	4.4	25.7
260	201	Tilbury	282	292	●+2	5.8	2.0	19.0
380	300	Turnbull Scott	370	380	..	12.9	3.4	52.5

SHOES AND LEATHER

1986 High	Low	Company	Bid	Offer	Ch'ge	Gross div p	Yld %	P/E
270	295	FII	355	365	+7	9.6	2.7	10.4
204	145	Garnar Booth	170	180	..	14.3	8.0	11.1
46	33	Headlam Sims	44	48	..	0.7e	1.6	..
218	170	Lambert Howarth	202	207	+4	8.9	4.3	10.9
78	54½	Newbold & Burton	82	86	..	4.4	5.6	19.3
174	86	Pittard	170	174	..	5.5	3.2	11.6
157	132	Strong & Fisher	144	148	..	12.9	8.8	6.7
273	186	Stylo	225	230	+5	6.4	2.8	28.2

TEXTILES

1986 High	Low	Company	Bid	Offer	Ch'ge	Gross div p	Yld %	P/E
315	285	Allied Text	307	317	..	10.7	3.4	21.4
283	250	Atkins Bros	257	262	●-1	10.7	4.1	18.1
202	169	Beales (John)	197	200	+1	6.9	3.5	8.0
108	102	Beckman (A)	104	107	+1	8.2	7.7	12.4
27	27	Bolton	26	28	..	..	..	18.8
145	131	Br Mohair	145	147	●	8.8n	5.9	8.8
130	105	Bulmer & Lumb	133	138	..	7.1	5.2	31.1
68	56½	Corah	64½	65½	-½	5.7	8.8	..
347	285	Courtaulds	346	348	●+6	10.2	2.9	11.7
168	147	Crowther (J)	156	158	..	4.6	2.9	12.7
286	211	Dawson	261	263	●+1	9.1	3.4	14.3
82	46	Dewon	61	63	+4	0.7	1.1	46.6
148	128	Dewhirst	145	147	●..	4.6	3.2	..
73	59	Drs Mill	67	72	..	2.9	4.1	9.4
110	64	Foster (John)	77	80	●..	5.0	6.3	6.9
123	85	Gaskell Broadloom	118	123	..	7.9	6.5	8.8
57	37	Helene Pentecost	39	42	-1	..	..	..
137	110	Ingram	115	117	+2	5.0	4.3	10.8
210	38	Ingram (Harold)	120	133	●+6	4.3	3.4	24.3
125	70	Jerome (S)	116	119	+1	5.0	4.2	11.4
211	83	Lamont	203	208	-2	6.9	3.3	13.4
213	153	Leeds	210	215	●+5	8.8	4.2	10.5
145	95	Lister	144	146	●+2	1.4	1.0	12.6
138	72	Lyles (S)	133	136	..	8.2	6.1	15.2
120	84	Mackay (Hugh)	115	120	..	6.7	5.7	17.1
29½	15	Mystos	26½	27½	..	..	..	22.5
188	118	Parkland 'A'	124	129	..	6.9	5.5	15.4
49½	33½	Readicut	44½	45½	+½	2.5	5.6	10.4
145	108	SEET	135	138	+1	7.6	5.5	7.8
135	84	Sekers	126	129	●..	3.6	2.8	10.3
177	133	Sirdar	141	144	..	7.4	5.2	10.5
98	49	Smallshaw (R)	72	75	-1	3.9	5.3	6.7
35	14	Stoddard 'A'	33½	35	..	..	..	..
188	133	Textured Jersey	133	136	..	8.6	6.4	7.7
251	28	Tomkinsons	248	253	●+5	5.7	2.3	12.4
111½	87	Tootal	110½	112	+1	5.9	5.3	11.8
350	240	Yorklyde	250	270	..	10.0	3.8	8.1

TOBACCOS

1986 High	Low	Company	Bid	Offer	Ch'ge	Gross div p	Yld %	P/E
487	444	BAT	491	493	-4	18.4	3.7	12.6
156	123	Carroll	153	158	●+5	..	..	..
201	135	Rothmans 'B'	195	198	●-4½	10.0	5.1	8.9

● Ex dividend a Ex all b Forecast dividend e Interim payment passed f Price at suspension g Dividend and yield exclude a special payment k Pre-merger figures n Forecast earnings o Ex other r Ex rights s Ex scrip or share split t Tax-free .. No significant data.

APPOINTMENTS

Hawker Siddeley: **MR B M Bonfield** has become chairman of Fasco Industries. **Mr A Richards** has joined the board of Crompton Batteries as sales director. **Mr T J R Watt** has become finance director of Hawker Siddeley Brackett. **Mr J Watson** has been made finance director of Gardiner Sons & Co. **Mr T Davies** will be joining the board of Hawker Siddeley Power Transformers as managing director.

AEtna International (UK): **Mr Stephen Bamford, Mr Peter Bassnett, Mr Stuart Bayliss, Mr John Hunter, Mr John Johnson and Mr Peter Walker** have joined the board as executive directors.

TAYMEL: **Mr S A Hardiman** has been made assistant managing director Taylor Woodrow Management and Engineering with **Mr K J Day** and **Mr M J Barden** as directors.

ACORN Computer Group: **Mr Bruno Soggiu** has been made chairman.

J Henry Schroder Wagg & Co: **Mr Richard Gordon** has been appointed a director.

Dobson Park Industries: **Mr Barry Bruce** has become president of the wholly-owned US subsidiary, Marathon Industries.

Lawson Mardon Group: **Mr Juergen Zietzschmann** becomes managing director of the new holding company, Lawson Mardon Packaging, with **Mr Erich Roessle** as deputy managing director.

Sarasin International Securities: **Mr Thomas Service** has been made finance director.

Tyzack & Partners: **Mr Michael Edwards** has become a director of Tyzack & Partners (Bristol).

F International: **Mr Alastair Livingstone** has been named finance director.

TI Machine Tools: **Dr Malcolm Thorneycroft** becomes director, quality and product development, with **Mr David Wilcock** as director, planning and advanced manufacturing technology projects.

Evered buys 22% stake in CI

Evered Holdings, the acquisitive industrial company, has taken a 22 per cent stake in CI Group, the specialist steel business formerly known as Cooper Industries.

The 7 million shares were acquired from trusts representing the interests of Mr Alex Johnstone, the Scottish businessman.

CI shares rose 4p to 32p, valuing the group at just under £7 million.

Evered, which last year failed in its bid to take over McKechnie Brothers, says it regards the holding as a long-term investment.

Mr Cedric Grant, managing director of CI, said yesterday: "We regard them as friends rather than enemies. They have told us they had not bought the stake in order to make a bid for the whole company."

There are already close ties between the two companies. Mr Roy Kettle, the chairman of CI, is also a director of Evered.

Nevertheless, the stock market is certain to keep a close watch on CI to see whether there are any developments aimed at merging it with the fast expanding Evered group.

In brief

● **KENYON SECURITIES:** Results for the six months to September 30 in £000s. Interim dividend 4p (3.4p). Turnover (adjusted) £2.431 (£2.331). Pretax profit 409 (358). Tax 143 (143). Earnings per share 12.0p (11.5p).

● **FRANK G. GATES:** As at 3pm on January 9, valid acceptances had been received in respect of 433,244 Gates shares (5.2 per cent). Giltrap and its associates own or have acceptances for 1,265,244 Gates shares (15.1 per cent). The offer, which amounts to 120p per Gates share, has been extended until 3pm on January 23.

● **LCP HOLDINGS:** The increased offer made on behalf of Ward White, which became unconditional on December 27, 1986, was accepted by holders of 75,053,997 LCP shares by 3pm on January 10, including shares purchased by Zoomcircuit, (92.6 per cent of the number of shares for which the increased offer was made). Ward White now owns or has acceptances in respect of 77,178,997 shares (92.8 per cent). During the offer period Zoomcircuit, an associate company of Ward White, which is deemed to be acting in concert with Ward White, purchased 39,222,592 shares (47.2 per cent). Shares delivered in respect of these purchases have been assented to the increased cash alternative. The increased offer will remain open for acceptance until further notice, while the increased cash alternative is closed. Dealings in the new Ward White ordinary and convertible preference shares were expected to begin yesterday for normal account settlement. Ward White will provide £16.3 million of the cash required under the increased cash alternative and the remainder will be provided by the issue of 16,041,597 new ordinary shares and 40,103,993 new convertible preference shares, which will be purchased by Morgan Grenfell under the terms of the increased cash alternative.

● **FLEDGELING JAPAN INVESTMENT COMPANY:** Net asset value per share at January 8: Y190 (£0.8160 or US$1.2060).

● **LONDON AND CONTINENTAL ADVERTISING HOLDINGS:** The offers by MAI were accepted by holders of 17,179,109 LCAH ordinary shares (which together with MAI's existing holding represents about 90 per cent of the issued ordinary capital) and of 526,311 convertible loan stock (which together with MAI's existing holding represents about 69 per cent of the convertible loan stock). Elections for the share alternative have been made in respect of 13,915,426 LCAH ordinary shares and £474,683 of the convertible loan stock. The offers have been declared unconditional in all respects and will remain open until further notice.

● **THE LILLESHALL COMPANY:** The board is to sell its clay quarry at Donnington, Telford, to Redland Brick for £500,000. The proceeds will be used partially to reduce bank borrowings but also to develop the business by the acquisition of new trading activities.

● **FERGABROOK GROUP:** The company's subsidiaries, Tritrade and Hardware House, have sold their wholesaling hardware, DIY, products and garden supplies businesses to Decco Stern Osmat, a private company. The consideration for the fixed assets is to be based upon independent valuations. Stocks are to be sold at their cost less a discount of 13.75 per cent. The consideration will be satisfied partly by Decco settling the trade creditors of the businesses.

● **AG BARR:** Final dividend 8.5p making 11p (8.45p) for the year to October 25. Figures in £000s. Turnover 39,186 (35,199). Trading profit 3,840 (2,606). Interest received 631 (593). Pretax profit 4,471 (3,199). Tax 1,523 (954). Extraordinary credit nil (332). Earnings per share 46.69p (35.56p).

● **ROBERT H LOWE:** Results for the year to October 31. Figures in £000s. Final dividend 1.2p making 1.7p (nil) for the year. Turnover 9,188 (8,164). Net operating profit 611 (361). Interest payable 83 (110). Tax nil (1). Profit before extraordinary charge 528 (250). Extraordinary charge dividend 71 (5). Earnings per share 16.02p (7.76p).

TRADITIONAL OPTIONS

First Dealings	Last Dealings	Last Declaration	For Settlement
Jan 5	Jan 16	Apr 2	Apr 13
Jan 19	Jan 30	Apr 23	May 5
Feb 2	Feb 13	May 7	May 18

Call options were taken out on: 12/1/87 Phicom, BOMS, Norfolk Cap., Fairline Boats, Laura Ashley, Greenbank, Ennex, Tay Homes, Ryan, Brent Walker, Nth. Kals., TV-am, Telemetrix, Stainless Met., St. Modwen, Berkeley Hay Hill, Stockley, J Israel, NMC, W Morris, Argyll, New London, Boots, Bryson, Birmid, Evered, Silentnight, Bristol Chan., Greenwich Res., Ashley Ind., SOAG, Tricentrol, Sound Diff., Gurrass, Premier Oil, Bentalls, T Locker, Amstrad, Parkdale, LIT, Tyzack, Atlantic, Elswick Hopp., Check point, Rotaprint, Ramar, Broad Street, GRA, Davy Corp., Tranwood, BSR, Courtaulds, Tenby, BICC, Armour, Wellcome, Aquarius, Babcock, Wills Group, Cityvision.

Puts: Fairline Boats, Br. Benzol, Cifer, Nolton.

Puts & Calls: Ryan, BICC.

LONDON FINANCIAL FUTURES

	Open	High	Low	Close	Est Vol
Three Month Sterling					
Mar 87	89.36	89.41	89.32	89.35	2742
Jun 87	89.69	89.69	89.66	89.67	359
Sep 87	89.80	89.80	89.78	89.80	132
Dec 87	N/T	—	—	89.73	0
Mar 88	N/T	—	—	89.53	0
Jun 88	N/T	—	—	89.32	0
Previous day's total open interest 14166					
Three Month Eurodollar		Previous day's total open interest 24414			
Mar 87	94.09	94.12	94.05	94.05	3585
Jun 87	94.09	94.12	94.05	94.06	565
Sep 87	94.00	94.03	93.98	93.97	250
Dec 87	93.82	93.85	93.80	93.80	173
US Treasury Bond		Previous day's total open interest 3625			
Mar 87	101-12	101-16	100-22	100-24	4331
Jun 87	N/T	—	—	99-30	0
Sep 87	N/T	—	—	—	0
Short Gilt		Previous day's total open interest 111			
Mar 87	96-26	96-26	96-26	96-25	10
Jun 87	N/T	—	—	—	0
Sep 87	N/T	—	—	—	0
Long Gilt		Previous day's total open interest 15977			
Mar 87	115-26	116-30	115-05	115-05	17694
Jun 87	N/T	—	—	115-13	0
Sep 87	N/T	—	—	115-25	0
Dec 87	116-06	116-06	116-06	116-13	2
FT-SE 100		Previous day's total open interest 2889			
Mar 87	178.00	178.10	177.10	177.60	553
Jun 87	N/T	—	—	180.60	0

FOREIGN EXCHANGES

STERLING SPOT AND FORWARD RATES

	Market rates day's range January 12	Market rates close January 12	1 month	3 months
N York	1.4815-1.4905	1.4895-1.4905	0.70-0.67prem	1.77-1.72prem
Montreal	2.0258-2.0395	2.0366-2.0395	0.64-0.54prem	1.43-1.28prem
Ams'dam	3.1831-3.1981	3.1831-3.1874	1⅛-1⅛prem	4⅜-3⅞prem
Brussels	58.57-58.84	58.61-58.73	22-13prem	53-38prem
C'phgen	10.7172-10.7624	10.7318-10.7540	2⅞-⅞prem	3⅝-1⅞prem
Dublin	1.0441-1.0488	1.0449-1.0459	18-26dis	46-71dis
Frankfurt	2.8189-2.8314	2.8189-2.8230	1⅛-1⅛prem	4⅝-4⅜prem
Lisbon	215.63-217.69	215.80-217.69	99-147dis	234-329dis
Madrid	193.35-194.61	193.49-193.77	30-48dis	87-120dis
Milan	1995.58-2002.45	1995.93-2001.74	5prem-3dis	4prem-5dis
Oslo	10.8401-10.8861	10.8734-10.8881	5⅜-6⅞dis	18⅜-18⅞dis
Paris	9.3705-9.4266	9.3734-9.3948	3-1⅛prem	8-4⅞prem
St'khlm	9.9540-10.0019	9.9841-9.9988	1⅛-1prem	3⅝-2⅞prem
Tokyo	233.15-233.86	233.48-233.86	1⅛-1⅛prem	4-3½prem
Vienna	19.88-19.97	19.94-19.97	10⅛-8⅞prem	26-23prem
Zurich	2.3549-2.3657	2.3549-2.3587	1⅝-1⅝prem	4⅞-4prem

Sterling index compared with 1975 was up at 68.9 (day's range 68.8-68.9).

OTHER STERLING RATES

Argentina austral*	1.8808-1.8881
Australia dollar	2.2249-2.2289
Bahrain dinar	0.5585-0.5605
Brazil cruzado*	22.3031-22.4296
Cyprus pound	0.7400-0.7500
Finland marka	7.0000-7.0400
Greece drachma	203.10-205.10
Hong Kong dollar	11.5465-11.5560
India rupee	19.25-19.45
Iraq dinar	n/a
Kuwait dinar KD	0.4300-0.4340
Malaysia dollar	3.8515-3.8572
Mexico peso	1340-1390
New Zealand dollar	2.7618-2.7689
Saudi Arabia riyal	5.5495-5.5895
Singapore dollar	3.2100-3.2200
South Africa rand	3.1127-3.1280
U A E dirham	5.4215-5.4615
*Lloyds Bank	

DOLLAR SPOT RATES

Ireland	1.4160-1.4200
Singapore	2.1642-2.1652
Malaysia	2.5945-2.5965
Australia	0.6665-0.6672
Canada	1.3680-1.3685
Sweden	6.7050-6.7100
Norway	7.2975-7.3025
Denmark	7.2175-7.2225
West Germany	1.8995-1.9010
Switzerland	1.5880-1.5895
Netherlands	2.1425-2.1435
France	6.3150-6.3250
Japan	157.10-157.10
Italy	1344.0-1345.0
Belgium(Comm)	39.42-39.49
Hong Kong	7.7765-7.7775
Portugal	145.00-146.00
Spain	130.25-130.75
Austria	13.37-13.39

Rates supplied by Barclays Bank HOFEX and Extel.

RECENT ISSUES

EQUITIES

Ashtead (122p)	151
British Gas (50p)	87½ +1½
Cap & Regional (65p)	72 +1
Daniels S (130p)	160 +2
Fletcher King (175p)	173 -2
Gaynor (94p)	112 +3
Geest (125p)	173
Glentree (16p)	38 -10
Gorden Russell (180p)	212 +2
Guthrie Corp (150p)	170
Halls Homes & Gdns (95p)	111 +1
Harmony Leisure (23p)	30 +2
Hornby (100p)	101 -2
Hoskyns Gp (128p)	151 +1
Johnson Fry	160
Lon Ass Inv Tst (14p)	21 -1
Lloyds Chemist (105p)	142 +3
Logitek (65p)	66 +1
Lon& Metropolitan (145p)	166
MIL (144p)	149 +1
Mezzanine (150p)	78
Mayborn (102p)	111 -2
Nobo (152p)	165 +3
Northumbrian Food (60p)	89 +2
Plum Hldgs (90p)	123 +1
Spandex (170p)	249
Sumit (135p)	138
TSB Chan Isles (70p)	109
TSB Group (100p)	75½ +½
Virgin (140p)	134½ +½
Ward Group (97p)	102
Wilding Office (135p)	151

RIGHTS ISSUES

Belhaven N/P	18 -3
Birm Mint F/P	
Freshbake N/P	34 +9
Marling F/P	83 +1
New Court N/P	1¾
Property Tst F/P	2½
Parkdale N/P	2½
Scanro N/P	6
Walker (Alfred) N/P	

(Issue price in brackets).

MONEY & GOLD

Base Rates %
Clearing Banks 11
Finance House 11½

Discount Market Loans %
Overnight High, 11 Low 10½
Week fixed: 10⅞

Treasury Bills (Discount %)

Buying		Selling	
2 mnth	10⅝	2 mnth	10⅝
3 mnth	10 21/32	3 mnth	10 9/16

Prime Bank Bills (Discount %)
1 mnth 10 13/16-10 25/32 2 mnth 10¾-10 23/32
3 mnth 10 21/32-10 19/32 6 mnth 10 9/32-10¼

Trade Bills (Discount %)
1 mnth 11 7/16 2 mnth 11¼
3 mnth 11 3/32 6 mnth 10 29/32

Interbank (%)
Overnight: open 11⅜ close 11½
1 week 11⅛-11 6 mnth 10 11/16-10 13/16
1 mnth 11⅛-11 1/16 9 mnth 10 15/16-10 13/16
3 mnth 11 1/16-11 12 mth 10 15/16-10 13/16

Local Authority Deposits (%)
2 days 10⅞ 7 days 10⅞
1 mnth 10⅞ 3 mnth 10⅞
6 mnth 10⅞ 12 mth 10⅞

Local Authority Bonds (%)
1 mnth 11 5/16-11 1/16 2 mnth 11 5/16-11 1/16
3 mnth 11¼-11 6 mnth 11⅛-10⅞
9 mnth 11⅛-10⅞ 12 mth 11⅛-10⅞

Sterling CDs (%)
1 mnth 11 1/16-11 3 mnth 11-10⅞
6 mnth 11 13/16-10 11/16 12 mth 10 21/32-10 19/32

Dollar CDs (%)
1 mnth 6.05-6.00 3 mnth 6.00-5.95
6 mnth 5.95-5.90 12 mth 6.00-5.95

EURO MONEY DEPOSITS %

Dollar
7 days 5⅞-6¾ call 6½-5½
3 mnth 6⅛-6 1 mnth 6⅛-6
6 mnth 6⅛-6

Deutschmark
7 days 4⅜-4¼ call 5-4
3 mnth 4⅜-4¼ 1 mnth 4⅜-4¼
6 mnth 4⅜-4¼

French Franc
7 days 9⅝-8⅞ call 9⅞-8⅞
3 mnth 8⅞-8⅝ 1 mnth 8⅞-8⅝
6 mnth 8⅞-8⅝

Swiss Franc
7 days 2-1¾ call 2¼-1¼
3 mnth 3 13/16-3 11/16 1 mnth 3 7/16-3 5/16
6 mnth 3⅞-3⅝

Yen
7 days 4⅜-4¼ call 5-4
3 mnth 4½-4⅜ 1 mnth 4⅜-4¼
6 mnth 4 7/16-4 11/16

BULLION

Gold:$410.75-411.25
Krugerrand (per coin, ex vat):
$ 408.50-411.50 (£274.25-276.50)
Sovereigns (new, ex vat):
$ 96.50-97.50 (£64.75-65.50)
Platinum
$ 538.50 (£363.00)
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$ 5.5800-5.5860 (£3.7450-3.7600)

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Fixed Rate Sterling Export Finance Scheme IV Average reference rate for interest period November 29, 1986 to December 31, 1986 inclusive: 11.392 per cent.

LONDON TRADED OPTIONS

	Series	Calls Jan	Calls Apr	Calls Jul	Puts Jan	Puts Apr	Puts Jul
Allied Lyons (*347)	300	50	60	67	1	3	8
	330	20	38	40	4	8	18
	360	3	17	28	18	25	30
British Gas (*67)	50	17½	18½	21½	½	½	½
	60	7½	10½	14	½	1½	2½
	70	½	4½	7	3½	5	6
BP (*760)	650	112	122	133	1	7	13
	700	62	75	88	1	14	20
	750	17	38	50	7	32	40
Cons Gold (*712)	600	117	135	152	1½	7	10
	650	67	90	110	2	14	23
	700	17	54	77	14	32	45
Courtaulds (*342)	260	83	93	—	1	1	—
	280	63	73	79	1	1	2
	300	43	54	61	1	3	4
	330	14	28	38	2	9	16
Com Union (*292)	260	33	39	45	1	4	8
	280	13	23	32	2	10	13
	300	2½	12	20	12	21	25
Cable & Wire (*361)	300	63	73	86	1	3	6
	325	38	52	—	1	7	—
	350	14	32	—	3	14	—
	375	4	—	—	17	—	—
GEC (*193)	160	35	39	44	½	1½	4
	180	15	23	28	1	6	9
	200	2	10½	17	10	16	18
Grand Met (*457)	360	100	105	—	½	1	—
	390	70	75	—	½	1½	—
	420	40	50	66	1	5	11
	460	6	30	38	7	23	27
ICI (*1170)	1000	170	185	210	1	4	5
	1050	120	137	167	2	7	12
	1100	70	102	130	2½	20	25
	1150	27	65	95	6	30	45
Land Sec (*346)	300	48	59	63	1	2	4
	330	18	32	41	1	5	10
	360	3	15	21	15	17	21
Marks & Spen (*199)	180	20	25	31	½	4	7
	200	3	14	20	6	11	14
	220	½	5½	10	22	26	28
Shell Trans (*1027)	900	130	140	153	1	4	10
	950	80	90	108	1	13	20
	1000	32	53	70	3	25	35
Trafalgar House (*298)	260	40	49	55	1	3	7
	280	20	33	40	2	7	11
	300	5	18	22	7	14	19
TSB (*76)	70	6	9	12	¾	2	3
	80	½	4½	6	5	7	7½
	90	½	2	2½	15	16	16

	Series	Calls Mar	Calls Jun	Calls Sep	Puts Mar	Puts Jun	Puts Sep
Beecham (*456)	360	110	—	—	1	—	—
	390	80	88	100	1½	3	8
	420	53	62	75	5	10	14
	460	22	35	48	15	27	30
Boots (*252)	200	58	61	—	½	2	—
	220	38	40	49	1½	5	7
	240	21	27	33	5	11	12
BTR (*267)	260	36	43	50	3	6	8
	280	20	28	38	7	12	14
	300	9	17	26	20	24	28
Bass (*774)	700	85	110	135	5	10	17
	750	48	75	110	12	25	35
	800	25	40	50	45	50	55
Blue Circle (*723)	650	85	973	115	7	10	15
	700	45	58	75	15	22	30
	750	22	35	45	35	47	55
De Beers (*840)	650	250	—	—	3	—	—
	700	200	220	—	6	10	—
	750	150	175	200	13	22	35
	800	105	140	165	24	38	50
Dixons (*355)	300	62	70	78	1½	4	8
	330	34	44	52	7	10	14
	360	16	24	30	19	24	38
GKN (*294)	240	58	64	70	1	2	4
	260	40	46	55	3	7	9
	280	25	32	40	8	11	15
	300	14	22	28	15	20	24
Glaxo (*1134)	1000	160	195	225	7	13	22
	1050	115	155	190	12	27	35
	1100	73	125	155	22	43	55
	1150	45	97	125	45	70	80
Hanson (*204)	180	47	—	—	½	—	—
	180	27½	34	39	1½	3½	4½
Hanson (cont)	200	11½	20	25½	5½	10½	12
	220	4½	10½	—	18	20	—
Jaguar (*590)	500	100	115	133	1½	6	10
	550	52	66	88	6	14	18
	600	22	40	55	23	37	40
Thorn EMI (*506)	420	102	115	—	1	1	—
	460	62	80	90	2	8	11
	500	32	45	56	11	18	23
	550	8	—	—	47	—	—
Tesco (*426)	360	78	90	97	3	5	8
	390	50	65	75	4	10	15
	420	20	33	52	9	16	20

	Series	Calls Feb	Calls May	Calls Aug	Puts Feb	Puts May	Puts Aug
Brit Aero (*542)	420	127	132	—	1	2	—
	460	87	92	106	1½	3	5
	500	52	60	72	4	9	15
BAT Inds (*492)	390	110	115	—	1	2	—
	420	80	85	96	1½	5	8
	460	40	52	67	6	13	17
	500	16	26	45	18	30	33
Barclays (*519)	460	67	72	82	2½	7	15
	500	29	42	53	13	23	27
	550	5	13	25	40	52	57
Brit Telecom (*216)	180	39	46	50	½	1½	3
	200	19	28	32	1	5	6
	220	5½	15	19	8	12	17
Cadbury Schwpps (*205)	160	48	50	58	½	2½	5
	180	28	32	38	1	4	8
	200	12	17	23	6	10	13
Guinness (298)	280	30	40	50	6	11	15
	300	16	30	40	20	25	27
	330	5	15	25	40	43	42
Ladbroke (*389)	360	45	53	64	1½	6	9
	390	24	35	43	8	16	20
	420	9	17	25	30	32	37
LASMO (*176)	140	38	42	48	2	4	6
	160	19	29	35	4	10	14
	180	9	18	25	12	20	23
Midland Bank (*590)	550	55	65	77	5	15	22
	600	15	30	45	20	37	45
	650	3	13	23	65	75	77
P & O (*555)	460	98	108	115	2	4	8
	500	58	73	80	4	9	12
	550	22	43	48	12	23	30
Racal (*186)	160	29	40	48	1	3	5
	180	14	23	30	6	10	13
	200	4	11	17	18	21	25
RTZ (*746)	550	205	—	—	2	—	—
	600	155	170	—	2	5	—
	650	107	125	142	5	13	22
	700	64	84	100	13	20	42
Vaal Reefs (*91)	70	21½	25¼	29	1	2	3
	80	12½	18½	21½	2	4¾	7
	90	5½	12	14½	6½	9	11

	Series	Calls Mar	Calls Jun	Calls Sep	Puts Mar	Puts Jun	Puts Sep
Lonrho (*250)	200	53	57	—	1½	3	—
	220	35	39	44	3	7	9
	240	18	23	30	9	14	17
	260	7½	12	16	22	25	29

	Series	Calls Feb	Calls May	Calls Aug	Puts Feb	Puts May	Puts Aug
Tr 11¾% 1991 (*£104)	100	3⅞	4¼	4⅝	3/32	⅝	¾
	102	2 5/16	2⅞	3⅜	⅜	15/16	1 5/16
	104	1 3/32	29/16	2¼	1 1/16	1⅞	2⅜
Tr 11¾% 03/07 (*£112)	104	—	10⅞	10⅞	—	11/32	11/16
	106	7⅞	8 9/16	9¼	⅛	⅝	1
	108	6	7	7⅞	9/32	1	1⅝
	110	4 7/16	5⅜	6⅝	⅝	1½	2⅜
	112	45/16	4¼	5⅜	1 7/16	2⅜	3
	114	25/16	3¼	63/16	2	3¼	4

	Series	Calls Jan	Calls Feb	Calls Mar	Calls Apr	Puts Jan	Puts Feb	Puts Mar	Puts Apr
FT-SE index (*1759)	1550	213	—	—	—	½	—	—	—
	1575	188	—	—	—	½	—	—	—
	1600	163	173	180	—	½	1	3	—
	1625	138	148	155	—	½	2	5	—
	1650	113	123	135	150	1	4	8	12
	1675	88	103	115	130	2	7	13	17
	1700	65	83	97	110	6	15	22	25
	1750	28	47	63	80	23	32	38	45

January 12, 1987. Total contracts 45671. Calls 37837. Puts 7834. FT-SE index. Calls: 1102. Puts: 830

*Underlying security price.

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COMPUTER HORIZONS/1

RECRUITMENT

Chasing the elusive professionals

By David Guest

A North-South divide has opened up in computing employment, but the South is the loser in this distribution of talent.

The technology jobs anomaly - that in a time of high unemployment, computing professionals are increasingly rare - has been shown to have an unsuspected regional aspect by three recent surveys. The Government's latest job census, which charts the movement in job numbers region by region, confirms the view that manufacturing industry could soon provide fewer jobs than it did during the depression of the Thirties, and that even the electronics industry isn't immune.

But the survey, taken in conjunction with others produced by the London Chamber of Commerce and Industrial Relations Services, points to a problem for which money isn't the answer.

The South of England is woefully short of computer professionals, and high salaries aren't proving sufficiently attractive to lure people from the North and the Midlands.

Two-thirds of the employment created by the service sector since 1979 has been in the South-East, and services are an extensively automated sector of the economy.

But employers are finding it hard to attract computer specialists; the London Chamber of Commerce noted last week that £30,000 a year plus benefits might not be enough to attract good computer sales staff to London.

Most of the explanation lies in the fact that computing skills, being in short supply nationally, command a premium.

A survey for Industrial Relations Services showed that the earnings of computer staff were still rising faster last year than salaries in the rest of the economy.

The increase was 11.9 per cent to October 1986, a slight fall on the previous year's figure of 12.6 per cent.

Mark Gillett, managing director of Yorkshire Microcomputers, with offices north and south of the Trent, said: "Salaries for salesmen, managers and technical people are at a level that will support a good standard of living north or south."

Derek Lewis of Combro, a leading microcomputer outlet based in Manchester, noted: "We've had traffic the other way. Our own sales force is a population that's young, ambitious and quite mobile, and we've taken on a number from the South of England."

In a section of the labour force that can exercise some choice over where it works, computer specialists seem reluctant to vote with their feet.

Mr Gillett added: "Most of my skilled people are local, and they wouldn't work south of Doncaster."

He also pointed out that many of the large salaries being offered a year ago were from companies that are now no longer in business, and that security was an important consideration in any career move.

Nor is a £30,000 salary a king's ransom in the capital for a computer sales person probably already earning around £20,000 outside the South-East after the difference in house prices is taken into account. The Chamber of Commerce's survey, of 300 firms in manufacturing and 450 in the services sector, found that the dearth of computing talent in the South-East was the biggest single factor inhibiting microcomputer use in industry.

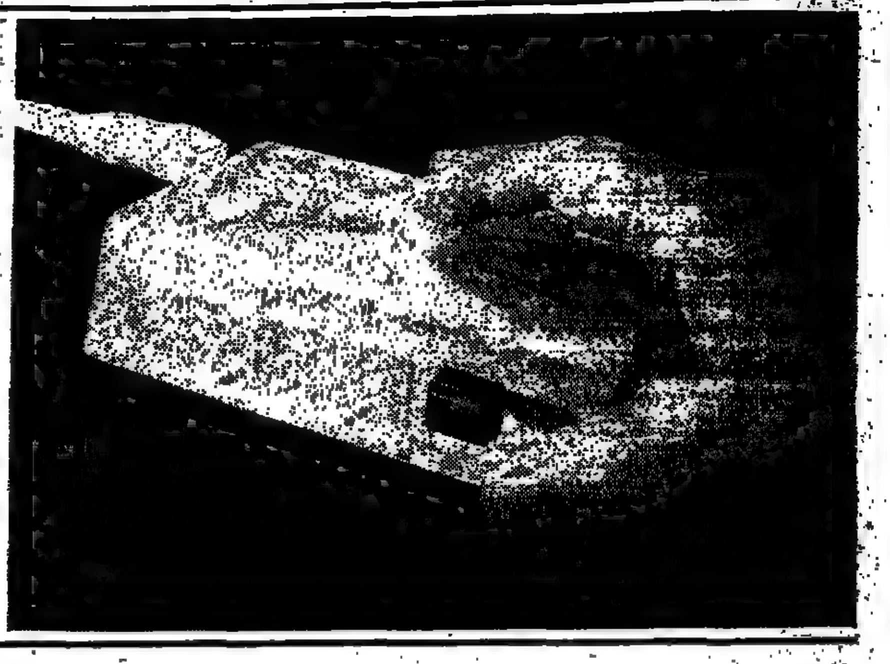
In 1980 barely one in 10 respondents had mentioned it as a reason for delay - last year, one in four picked it out.

A computer "mouse" which can translate characters and symbols on a screen into braille has been developed by scientists at IBM's US-based research centre.

The mouse is conventionally used to move a cursor around a screen by pushing it across a desktop. With this currently experimental unit, the top of the mouse has six small white pistons which are raised as the mouse moves the cursor across the screen to spell out characters or symbols in braille.

A blind person moving the cursor around a screen can feel the characters, like a printed braille page beneath the finger, and conceive a mental image of the screen.

The system uses a mouse, a special PC adapter card and a tablet which provides an operating surface for the mouse and rows and columns in braille to act as a location guide. IBM says the system could also be used with a voice synthesizer - to speak words that are on the screen.



IBM cuts its unprofitable trade links

In its second consolidation move in two weeks, IBM is to close down its IBM Instruments subsidiary, ending the six-year-old venture to sell chemical analysis tools to laboratory scientists.

Separately, the company cut the prices of its leading personal computer models by up to 15 per cent in the US, in what appeared to be a move to clear the way for a new generation of PCs, expected in coming months.

The closing of IBM Instruments, analysts said, appears to indicate the company is stepping up efforts to rid itself of side businesses that have failed to prove profitable, at a time when company executives are growing increasingly restive about IBM's financial performance.

Wall Street has generally reduced its expectations for IBM's year-end earnings, which will be announced next week and the company seems certain to report its second consecutive profit decline for the year.

At the beginning of the year IBM and Merrill Lynch announced the closing of International Marketnet, a joint venture aimed at marketing specialized computer systems — based on an intricate satellite network — for stockbrokers and other investors.

The cut in personal computer prices was widely expected, because it follows a reduction in wholesale prices to dealers announced just before Christmas.

But it comes amid reports that the company has stopped producing its basic personal computer — making the PC-XT its new bottom-of-the-line machine — and that it is preparing at least one, and maybe two, major product introductions in coming months.

By some accounts, those introductions will include an inexpensive machine, primarily for the education market. But the company has said repeatedly that it is not interested in the "commodity" end of the personal computer business, where most product competition revolves around price.

Thus, many analysts believe that the new machines will be at the high end of the market, superseding the top of the line PC AT.

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COMPUTER HORIZONS/2

Japan's new leap forward

While Britain now has another weighty report that says it has little hope of competing in world markets for science and technology unless radical measures are taken, at least one of its major competitors, America, has its own technology problems that could fast become equally serious.

In Britain the answer is seen as more funding, new leadership and the appointment of a Cabinet minister responsible for science and technology, according to last week's report from a House of Lords select committee.

"In spite of the valiant efforts of individuals to make the present system work and in spite of a few success stories in branches of science and technology, morale in the scientific community is at an all-time low and pessimism in industry is common," it said, warning yet again that research and development in both the public and private sector is seriously underfunded.

Few would argue America has the same problems — the brain drain of British scientists and engineers to work there is now running at over 1,000 per year says the US National Science Foundation.

Yet America's semiconductor manufacturers — the core of the nation's computer and high technology business — have fallen so far behind Japanese competitors in crucial areas, that it is seriously being questioned as to whether its semiconductor business can survive without heavy Japanese involvement.

With silicon chips as the central component for computers and other technological devices, if the Japanese gain a virtual monopoly of advanced semiconductors so too, they will have the ability to use those chips to best advantage for their own products, making Japanese computers — still a rare sight outside Japan above the personal computer level — a considerably greater competitive threat.

For America it is immediately a

THE WEEK

By Matthew May

question of national security. While Britain and the rest of Europe have long had to give up the idea of providing the sort of advanced electronics now used throughout defence from its home industries it is a new concept for the US.

Military demands are usually for the most advanced chips and this is where Japan is fast leaping ahead. Last week, for example, one Japanese industrial daily paper reported that it's telecommunications giant Nippon Telegraph and Telephone, has developed a 16 megabit DRAM chip.

At present the largest available is 1 megabit though 4 megabit designs have been announced. The new chip will contain 35 million transistors and hold 16 million binary digits of information. NTT will not confirm the report though an offical announcment is expected next month.

Japanese manufacturers now hold nearly a 100 percent share of the 1 megabit chip market and both Hitachi and Toshiba, two of Japan's major electronics firms, have said they will start manufacturing such semiconductors in the US next year.

The companies said they are trying to shift production emphasis to the 1-megabit chip in view of growing demand worldwide. They predict demand for the large capacity chips will be 50 million units in 1987 — a 10 fold increase from 5 million this year. IBM, for example, has said it will use the chips for its computers in the future.

Over the past two months several major US semiconductor manufacturers have announced alliances with Japanese firms as they try to protect declining profits.

America has always been at the forefront of keeping advanced electronics out of the hands of the Soviet Bloc even to the extent of embarrasing governments by trying to apply domestic laws in other countries on who can use or sell US computers. That role could also pass to the Japanese.

Britain and America face very different problems in making their science and technology competitive abroad, but it is clear that in electronics and computers at least, it should now be the Japanese who must be seen as the major competition.

America moves in on defence contracts

By Frank Brown

Having supplied computers to the Ministry of Defence for more than 20 years, Digital Equipment (DEC) has decided to form a defence group specifically to bid for high value MOD contracts which it defines as those worth more than £3 million.

The move has been made because computer hardware now forms the major part of various MOD operational requirements, and, says the company, because DEC's Vax range of computers has become the de facto standard in many defence applications.

The group is focusing on three areas: command, control and communications — now the subject of a number of high value projects and traditionally a strong area for DEC, office automation — a fast growing area of defence procurement and expert systems, where advances in artificial intelligence are expected to be used to try and speed up decision making.

The potential computer related business in these areas is in excess of £200 million, and DEC is hoping to substantially increase its UK defence business, which is now around £45 million a year.

The company, which employs 6,000 people in 30 offices in the UK, recently announced the need to increase staff by 1,400 in Britain during 1987, including 160 at its government and defence systems facility at Basingstoke.

DEC UK's parent company, the Digital Equipment Corporation, has announced a number of US defence contracts which involve the installation of Vax computers in the UK.

These include a $75 million project to modernize the world-wide Automatic Digital Network (AUTODIN) of the US Department of Defense, work which includes installing new computers in Croughton, Oxfordshire, and a $90 million contract to supply the US Navy with a planning, programming and budgeting system comprising 125 Vax computers, to be installed in the Pentagon, Britain and Hawaii.

Soft touch: Royal Marine Commandos on high technology night operations

No longer shy

British industry is making more use of the personal computer than many industry observers had predicted, according to a survey published this week by Business Computing and Communications magazine.

The survey — which covered 275 executives, suggested that 75 per cent find that personal computers have increased their productivity though more than half of those surveyed are now taking on work with the computer that had previously been carried out by secretarial or clerical staff.

The survey also suggested that PCs are being used a good deal more than previously thought. Sixty four per cent of users said that they used the computer on average for more than an hour a day — and two-thirds of the group used their PC for more than eight hours per week.

This finding conflicts with the suggestion by some industry pundits that executives are "keyboard-shy" or find the use of a PC demeaning in any respect.

In fact, most respondents felt they wanted even more training so that they might get even more use from their PCs.

Some two-thirds of those that responded to the 1000 survey sheets sent to British managers said that they could benefit from further training in the use of their PCs — and almost one-third (29 per cent) felt that suppliers' instruction manuals were inadequate for teaching them how to use their computers.

The Chinese raise the temperature

RESEARCH

By Walter Sullivan

Scientists in Peking have reported producing an alloy that becomes superconducting, losing all resistance to electricity, at a temperature so high it would revolutionize the electrical industry. If confirmed, it would be the second major advance in superconductivity within a month.

Superconducting materials are already widely used in designs for computer devices, ultra high-speed signal processing and data recording that use minimum power.

It is also being looked at to magnetically levitate the world's fastest trains, and for nuclear resonance medical diagnosis.

If the Peking results can be duplicated, "the world is not going to be the same," said Dr Robert Cava of AT&T Bell Laboratories. However, he added that it was not yet clear whether the Chinese had demonstrated total loss of electrical resistance.

On December 31 his group and one from the University of Houston both reported producing alloys that almost doubled the extremely low temperatures at which some materials become super conducting.

The Chinese claim would raise the temperature far higher, close to the level where liquid nitrogen could be used to achieve the effect.

This would bring superconductivity within reach of numerous processes involving the transmission of electricity and the generation of strong magnetic fields.

Normally, substantial energy is lost as electricity passes through a wire or other conductor. Such losses limit the intensity of magnetic fields that can be generated and increase energy costs.

Superconductivity occurs when one among a variety of materials is cooled almost to absolute zero: the total absence of heat, at minus 460 degrees Fahrenheit, or minus 273 degrees Celsius.

Electrical resistance occurs at all but very low temperatures because atoms in the conducting materials oscillate over wider and wider distances, thus interfering with the flow of an electrical current. Extremely low temperatures are normally expressed in degrees Kelvin, with zero degrees equal to absolute zero.

Degree increments in the Kelvin scale are the same as in the Celsius scale. In the latter, however, the zero point is the freezing temperature of water, thus, 10 degrees Kelvin is minus 263 degrees Celsius.

Last April the IBM Zurich Research Laboratory in Switzerland reported achieving superconductivity at 30 degrees Kelvin in a mixture of barium, lanthanum copper and oxygen. It was the first substantial advance in more than a dozen years of worldwide research.

Since then the University of Tokyo, using the same combination of elements, has confirmed the IBM finding.

The official New China News Agency has now reported that at the Institute of Physics of the Chinese Academy of Sciences in Peking researchers have produced superconductivity at 70 degrees Kelvin (minus 203 degrees Celsius or minus 333 degrees Fahrenheit).

As in the IBM and Houston experiments, the material was a mixture of barium, lanthanum, copper and oxygen.

Computer Events

High Technology in Education, Barbican, London, January 21-24, (01-608 1161)

Videotex User Show, Barbican, London, January 28-30, (01-608 1161)

Which Computer Show, National Exhibition Centre, Birmingham, February 17th-20th, (01-891 5051)

Dexpo Europe, Olympia 2, London, March 3-5, (01-486 1951)

Computers in Retailing, National Exhibition Centre, Birmingham, March 11-13

Cadcam 87, Metropole Hotel, NEC, Birmingham, March 24-26, (01-608 1161)

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COMPUTER HORIZONS/3

When it pays to get your job title right

JOBSCENE

By Eddie Coulter

Is there a difference between sales and marketing? And if there is, who in the computer industry knows it? It is known in marketing circles that much of the industry has for a long time had difficulty in differentiating between the two.

Marketing managers — often exposed as sales executives in disguise — abound. Professional marketeeers are few.

While there are signs that a few computer companies are attempting to recognize the difference, it is the sales professional who still calls the tune, especially on pay.

"The blinkers are still on," says John Levins, computer recruitment consultant with The Davis Company, the executive marketing recruitment specialists

"Though some computer people now even agree with what qualifies as a specialist marketeer and are prepared to recruit the best of them from other business sectors, when it comes to selection time the job still usually goes to a computer sales person."

Being sales-driven, as the computer industry is, there appears to be a tendency for sales to predominate over the subtlties of marketing.

In the professional marketing world it is often the markets which are identified and created for which products are then developed. The difference may seem subtle, but is highly important.

It means, believes John Levins, that the high technology business exists on insecurity as it is not control of the markets. "As it gets larger the computer industry is losing stability," he says. "Good marketing could remove that insecurity."

This could explain why computer sales people are generally the highest-paid of all sales executives and why they are in such demand.

"The lower the basic salary, the higher the potential reward for computer sales people," is the maxim quoted by Alan Bagley, director of the Birmingham-based Garside Management Consultants, whose clients include a number of the leading computer manufacturers.

"But the higher the rewards the greater the risks.

"It takes a real sales professional with faith in his ability to go from a reasonable basic salary — the average is around £18,000 — with potentially good on-target earnings to a lower basic with exceedingly high potential earnings.

"Not everyone sees the difference between sales and marketing", says Bernie Duffield, a director of Icon

"It is not unusual now for computer manufacturers to pay into the £100,000 bracket to attract the top salesmen," says Alan Bagley.

"Quite a number are earning £150-£180,000 a year and I have heard of one or two on £300,000. But these are thoroughbred computer sales people, who if they move to another company will have at least three or four years' experience at top selling similar computer architecture.

"They will be expected to generate business from day one. They will pick up a pricing book and be on their way to their high-level contacts. They work unmanaged and unmonitored and with marketplace familiarity."

Market familiarity is becoming increasingly important within computer sales and this could be good news for both sales and marketing people.

"Our view," says Alan Bagley, is that the future sales approach for computer companies is in identification with the vertical markets. This means that there are opportunities for marketing people with solid awareness of a computer company's chosen vertical markets, such as retail markets, local authorities, the police and engineering."

It seems that the computer industry must be prepared to look at other industries in order to attract marketing personnel if they are to be more successful in such vertical markets.

"Computer companies are starting to understand marketing in more depth but not everyone sees the differences between sales and marketing," says Bernie Duffield, director of recruitment consultants Icon.

"There are now more opportunities for marketing people to enter the computer business from other industries. They should know their markets as well as having a good grasp of computer technology."

But how technically aware do they need to be? Strong marketing skills and a good background in marketing are of prime importance.

Entry-level salaries to computer industry marketing appear to be between £15-£18,000 a year, while the top marketing managers — even if many of them are computer salesmen in disguise — certainly seem to be justifying a £60,000-a-year income.

The same £60,000-a-year levels are being quoted as the norm for top computer sales people, frequently with a guaranteed base salary of £18-£20,000.

There are certainly opportunities for sales people from other industries to enter computer sales. They should have a market-identifiable sales track record, be keen and smart and in the 22-25 years old age bracket.

An understanding of the computer business is also required. But there is enough reading material around.

Most important, though, if you want to move into computer sales — and the opportunities are there for you to start at £16-£18,000 a year plus on-target sales earnings of £40,000 — will be sales knowledge of a specified vertical market sector.

The small miracle that could revolutionize motors

ROBOTICS

By Richard Pawson

If cars had followed the same development curve as computers, runs the cliché, you would be able to buy a Rolls-Royce with a top speed of 900mph, and yet still delivering 1,400 mpg, for under a fiver.

Somewhat less usefully, it would also sit comfortably on your little fingernail.

Yet a motor as small as your fingernail is just a few years from becoming a reality, thanks to a still secret technology knowns as micro-engineering, which promises to do for mechanics what the integrated circuit has done for electronics.

Micro-engineering, like micro-electronics, will be based around silicon crystal technology. The principle is that gears and mechanisms could be etched on to a slab of silicon by photo reduction, just as electronic circuits are fabricated today.

Chemicals would then be applied to remove the surrounding substrate material leaving a minute train of gears or levers to rotate around fixed pivot points.

Nor would any lubrication be needed. At this microscopic scale, air takes on some peculiar properties sufficient to act as the bearing.

By combining these micromechanisms with electronic control it should be possible to fabricate an electric motor almost invisible to the human eye, using a ring of tiny electrostatic plates to motivate the spindle.

Rotational speeds are mind-boggling: some researchers predicting a million revolutions per second.

Science fiction? Rumour has it that Bell Laboratories in the US are nearing a working prototype of just such a motor, less than one-tenth of one millimetre in diameter.

And the reason this is all shrouded in secrecy is that the first applications of micro-engineering are likely to be military.

Why should the military be interested in microscopic mechanisms with negligable power output?

> ‘Rumour has it that robowasps could knock out a Russian tank by flying up the exhaust pipe’

Suggestions within the scientific community range from the sublime to the ridiculous. One has it that the plan is to design deadly robot insects to be scattered all over the European countryside — America's favourite battlefield scenario.

These robowasps would lie dormant until a Russian invasion, when they could be remotely-controlled to fly up the exhaust pipe of advancing tanks and wreak havoc.

This kind of *Boys' Own* story does a good job of masking the truth. The military's need for very high speed micromotors can be summarized in one word: gyroscopes — the faster a gyroscope spins the more stable it is.

It seems possible, therefore, that the aim is to produce an entire guidance system on a single chip low-cost, low-powered, and low-volume. Perfect in other words for small-scale sophisticated weapons such as anti-tank missiles.

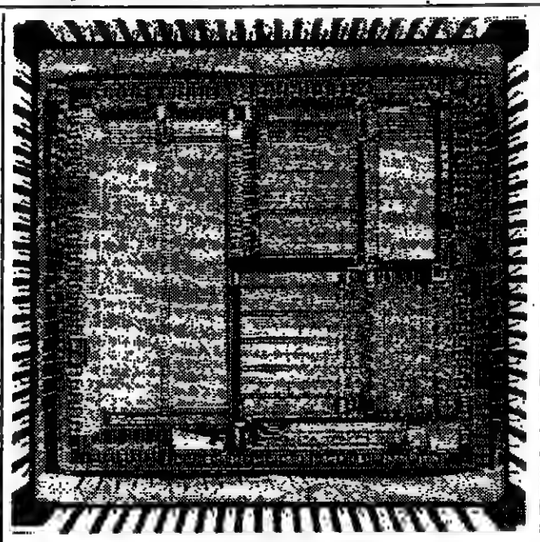
Such prospects must be viewed in context, however. A very high proportion of technological innovation has been funded by the military and most have produced far more constructive applications than destructive.

Potential applications for micro-engineering abound, especially in the field of microsurgery. Conceptual designs exist for a pair of scissors with a blade length of 1 micron — 1,000th of a millimetre.

The blades would be electronically-controlled from a conventional pair of scissor handles. They would even contain sensors to provide force feedback allowing the surgeon to feel his cuts.

Such technology could enable operations that are currently impossible, such as the splicing of the optic nerve for a complete eye transplant.

But the popular favourite has to be the realm of root insects, programmed to perform useful tasks around the home. Imagine a swarm of the so-called robowasps simply eating up the dirt in the nooks and crannies of the home, or even washing the windows.



Innovative award

Inmos has today won one of the 1987 British Design Awards for its transputer, left — the innovative 32-bit microprocessor which can be linked together almost limitlessly to provide high-powered PCs using three or four transputers to supercomputers containing 16,000. It can handle high-speed communications at the same time as processing information and, unlike the conventional microprocessors, speed increases proportionately as more transputers are added. The Design Council says a system using 100 transputers could, for example, reduce the cost of a police computerized fingerprint searching system from £1 million to around £100,000.

Wang chips 1,000 more staff

Faced with steep losses, Wang Laboratories, the manufacturer of office automation equipment, is to cut 1,000 jobs and reduce the pay of its salaried workers in the United States by 6 per cent.

The axeing comes at a time when most of the computer industry is still in a prolonged slump.

Wang, which lost $30 million in its fiscal first quarter ending September 30, said that it will report an equally severe loss for the quarter ending December 31.

"Given our specific situation and the current state of the industry in general, it is imperative that our company adjust its operations," Frederick Wang said. He became the company's president in November, succeeding his father, An Wang, who remains chairman.

Further cost reductions are to be announced in coming months.

The company seeks to reduce expenses by 5 per cent over the next six months, saving $50 million.

Analysts said they were not surprised by Wang's sweeping campaign to reduce costs at a time of intense competition and sluggish sales through the computer industry.

Wang began began to trim its work force in 1985 by laying off 1,600 employees. Another 1,600 jobs were eliminated through voluntary retirements in 1986. The latest 1,000 layoffs will reduce Wang's worldwide employment to 29,000.

Wang is reducing the pay of its salaried workers in the US by 6 percent for six months, ending June 30, while offering them a "stock grant plan" as a form of compensation based on the hope that Wang shares will rise in value.

The firm, which grew rapidly during the 1970s on the strength of its word processing systems, has run into trouble over the last two years while trying to move into the market for minicomputers.

Wang, which is due to announce a new product tommorrow said it would increase its worldwide sales force by 25 per cent and decentralize the sales organization by giving more responsibility to executives in the field.

Passport to the £10m contract

COMPUTER BRIEFING

■ Software Sciences, a British systems house and a subsidiary of the Thorn-EMI group has been awarded a £10 million contract to computerize the Home Office Passport Department. The department, which issues two million passports a year, will use the system to process applications and to control the production of machine-readable passports that are to be introduced in EEC countries over the next two years.

The contract has aroused considerable interest because the other main contender was the American subsidiary of General Motors, Electronic Data Systems, and there were concerns over the effect on the morale of the British software industry if it started losing government contracts to American firms.

Alcatel's billions

■ The telecommunications company formed last month by France's state-owned Compagnie Generale d'Electricite and ITT has forecast that it will earn at least £180 million this year on expected sales of £9 billion. The new company, to be called Alcatel, is now the second-largest telecommunications equipment-maker in the world after AT&T. The company was formed by merging the telecommunications interests of CGE and ITT in a move widely seen as the most ambitious attempt yet to create a European-lead communications group capable of competing in global markets.

ITT's former telecommunications interests are expected to contribute about half of the anticipated profits. Under the terms of the final agreement, ITT is being paid £625 million in cash for the telecommunications business it is giving to Alcatel. In addition, ITT will receive another £240 million representing repayment of ITT's intracompany debt.

Lotus goes to law

■ Lotus, in conjunction with other major software developers, has filed a suit against a Vancouver company accused of making illegal copies of software and renting them for a fee. The suit alleges that Softsave International, which operates as a club, has been charging members about £7 for a 21-day preview of popular programs such as Lotus 1-2-3. After 21 days, members are expected to buy the program or destroy the sample disc, Lotus says.

Lotus and the other plaintiffs — Ashton Tate, Microsoft, Lifetree Associates, Activision and Infocom — allege that the preview programs are illegal copies. The company said it would seek an injunction to bar Softsave from copying and distributing software illegally.

'Thinking' revolution

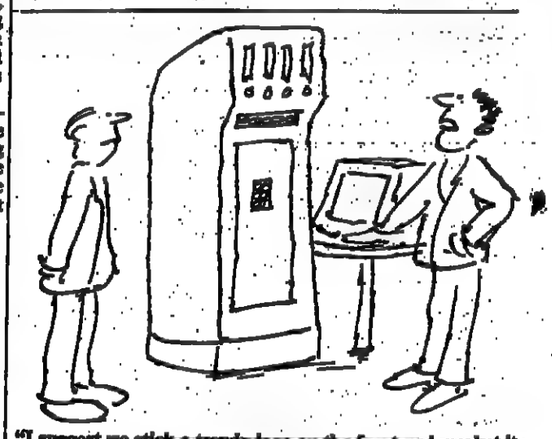
■ The "thinking machines" now creeping into the workplace will advance the way people work as dramatically as the Industrial Revolution did 200 years ago, according to artificial intelligence experts. "We're really on the threshold of a revolution," says Marvin Minsky, a professor at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology who pioneered the artificial intelligence field. "The development of expert systems is starting to bring computers into the reach of non-specialists to assist in their work."

Inventor Raymond Kurzwell says: "These are machines that will expand our intellectual capabilities." Kurzwell's companies have used AI technology to create a reading system for the blind, electronic recreation of acoustic musical sounds, and a 1,000-word speech recognition system. Professor Minsky said machines some day may be able to closely approximate human intellect but the hardest things to program into them are the common-sense things we do even as children — like do the dishes.

Britain loses out

■ Small high-technology and other firms in the UK are being denied access to more than £1,000 million worth of low-cost loans from the European Community — even though Britain helped to make the cash available, says the Confederation of British Industry. The situation arose because of the Government's withdrawal of exchange risk cover for loans offered under two European schemes designed to help small firms.

Britain was instrumental in making the schemes possible during its presidency of the European Community, said the CBI. Jean Parker, chairwoman of the CBI's Smaller Firms Council, said: "Unless something is done the UK will find itself in the paradoxial position of having presided over an increase in European support for smaller firms but from which no UK firm is likely to benefit." She has written to Paul Channon, the Trade and Industry Secretary, asking him to reinstate the exchange risk cover or introduce an equivalent measure which will allow loans to be obtained from the two funds.



"I suggest we stick a trendy logo on the front and market it as a 'designer' system".

Keeping up to date

■ *Desktop Publisher*, a specialist British newletter covering the fast-growing area of desktop publishing has gone monthly. "With the market moving inexorably towards the IBM PC and its users, the newsletter needs a monthly cycle to keep its readers up to date," said the editor, Henry Budgett. The publishers, Desktop Pablishing, have also moved into producing videos on the various systems and offering consultancy. Price for the newletter is £125 per year. (0753 684633)

Picture telephone

■ The US government is planning to spend more than $4 billion on a new telephone system that also carries pictures, handles computer data, keeps messages and automatically refuses to answer certain calls. It is now seeking bids for the new system but has not included specific details on how the system would work. Those businesses bidding for the contract are expected to furnish the technology and develop the system.

But the government has said it expects the system to handle transmission of data equal to 70 pages of information a second. By 1992 it is expected that at least half the messages transmitted will be in the form of high-speed computer data. It will also need to permit tele-conferencing in which participants can see as well as talk to each other.

New star shines at Las Vegas

By Geof Wheelwright

For the first time in four years, microcomputers were not the stars of last week's annual Consumer Electronics Show in Las Vegas — a fact which says far more about the state of the computer industry than it does about the annual glitz and glamour parade of electronics companies in the Nevada desert.

Reports of the show were largely about the mass take-up of Compact Disc (CD) music players and the threat posed to that new and growing industry by the launch of Digital Audio Tape (DAT).

At least it gave personal computer companies time away from the spotlight to consolidate standards and quietly refine a few areas of recent development.

On the consolidation side, the IBM Personal Computer design took even greater steps towards finally absorbing the ailing home computer business as very few non-IBM compatible computer designs were on show.

The speed at which this move to IBM-compatibility has hit the home market was hastened by the UK's own Amstrad, making its first major showing of the Amstrad PC1512 in the US.

The final price for the basic Amstrad PC in the US will be about $800 which certainly doesn't make it the cheapest of the PC clones in the American market — consistently cheaper than the British.

Ironically, Amstrad will also get other IBM-compatible competition in the US from two unlikely quarters — Apple and Atari, both of whose names were linked with PC-compatible products at the show.

The Apple products don't come directly from Apple itself, but do bring that company's low-cost line of machines into the IBM world. Several third-party developers of add-on devices are starting to sell computer circuit cards that plug into either an Apple IIe or the IIGS computer allowing Apple II machines to run most of the software written for the IBM PC.

This could be an important factor in trying to sell Apple's new IIGS into small business' that perhaps already have PCs that are compatible with the IBM PC and want the ability to swap information between.

Over at Atari, company chairman Jack Tramiel seems to be hedging his bets on both sides of the IBM fence by releasing both new versions of the ST range of computers as well as his own Amstrad-basher at about $600.

The news of Atari's development of a PC clone come as a surprise to many in the industry.

The other side of the Atari announcement fence concerned ambitious plans for its Atari ST range of computers — which now gain three new models that differ only in the amounts of computer RAM memory that they offer — 1 Megabyte, 2 Megabytes and 4 Megabytes respectively.

Atari looks to be moving seriously into the business market with this system as it also announced plans to allow memory expansion to 16 megabytes develop a proper "network" and offer a new, high-speed computer hard disk.

Starting prices in the US will be $1000 and delivery should begin in March. The company also showed a prototype laser printer — the key component in a desktop publishing system — which it will sell later this year for little more than a £1,000 and hopes to offer a complete desktop publishing unit for £2,000.

The only immediate effect of all these announcements in Britain will be price reductions on the existing line of ST computers. The 520 STFM should now sell for £400 with internal disk drive and modulator, while the price of the 1040 STF system with colour monitor has been reduced by more than £200 to £900 from next month.

The overall effect of Atari's huge collection of announcements is to bolster the view that the once moribund games company has risen from the ashes under the leadership of ex-Commodore founder Jack Tramiel.

But to make that view believable, Mr Tramiel will have to deliver the new products on time and in a completed fashion.

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A guide to job opportunities

Working on a healthy diet

The scope of dietetics is not always understood by the general public. Beryl Dixon examines the skill and nature of the dietitian's job

Amanda Lamont is an acting district dietitian in the Wessex Regional Health Authority. She is responsible for services to the whole Salisbury district — including two general hospitals, plus geriatric, community and psychiatric hospitals, and monthly clinics in several health centres. The latter, she explains, are necessary in a rural community. Other dietitians may be largely hospital-based.

The scope of dietetics is not always fully appreciated by the public. Many a girl studying home economics (and it is a largely female profession) sees it as an ideal outlet for an interest in cookery, while to others it means simply dealing with the problem of overweight.

Dietitians do deal with obesity — the British Dietetic Association defines the work as "applying the science of nutrition the feeding of groups and individuals in health and disease."

In one day last week, Amanda saw a coronary patient requiring advice on a diet both low in fat and in overall calories; one with acute renal failure — put on a low potassium diet; a diabetic with high blood sugar; and one patient she refers to as a "success story", a man unable to accept nutrition by mouth but feeding himself at home overnight through a tube passed directly into his *jejunum*.

A strong science background is a necessary requirement

"You may grimace," she said, "but it's keeping him alive and he's ready to return to work. We do let him have a little food by mouth," she added, "to relieve the boredom." On her ward visits that same morning she had advized that a patient on radiotherapy who was unable to accept food orally should be given a nutritionally complete feed daily through a naso-gastric tube.

It will be obvious from this that dietitians need a thorough understanding of nutrition and its relationship to and effects on different illnesses.

Although they see patients only on doctors' referral, and any treatment such as that requiring the insertion of tubes is authorized by doctors, they are the specialists on nutrition advizing the medical staff. They need a strong science background, the A levels required for training being chemistry with at least one other science, usually biology.

"You have to like science. It's a large part of the course, and you have to keep up to date with scientific literature after qualifying," she said.

An interest in cookery also helps — when for instance advizing a patient on a particularly restrictive diet how to make meals more appetizing. But dietitians are not pure scientists. They enter the profession because they want to help, and enjoy dealing with people.

They must be able to communicate well — with all types and at all levels: nurses, doctors, other medical specialists, diet cooks and catering staff, as well as patients, on a one-to-one basis or in small groups.

"We have to build up good relationships with colleagues; in particular with nurses, and teach them to teach the patients," Amanda said. They could one day be lecturing to a class of student nurses and the next be attempting to explain to a reluctant patient exactly why she can never again eat gluten, trying to suggest practical solutions to the problems of coping with one special diet in the family meals. Nor are they concerned with diet solely in illness.

An interest in promoting good nutritional habits can lead to a dietitian talking to groups of school children, expectant mothers or women's groups on healthy eating — making an ability in public speaking a useful additional skill.

A dietitian is also responsible for overseeing the menus offered to hospital in-patients, a role involving liaison (diplomatic) with catering staff to advize not only on meals for patients on special diets but on healthy menus in general.

Hospitals are much more careful nowadays to provide meals low in fat and high in fresh fruit and vegetables — a challenge to the imagination on a NHS budget.

There are two ways to train in dietetics: to take a degree course incorporating state registration, or as Amanda did, an approved science degree followed by a postgraduate course.

She read her degree at Central London Polytechnic, having first checked with the British Dietetic Association which options on her combined science course would be most appropriate for acceptance on to the postgraduate course.

Most dietitians work within the health service, and may take a post like Amanda's, or may specialize in paediatric, renal, metabolic or mental health and handicap work. There are also openings in education, in the food industry — advizing manufacturers on the content of product or writing information, or in the media. Several dietitians advize on the content of or appear on TV, or contribute to books and magazines.

An NHS dietitian's week is full of variety, including any or all of ward visits, out-patient clinics, case conferences, meetings with other dietitians

The day's work is charged with considerable variety

and other medical colleagues, liaison meetings with health education officers, lecturing and administration.

Someone like Amanda in a management role must find extra time for staff supervision, budgeting, seeing reps from proprietary feed companies, and discussing methods of referral with ward sisters. Most would like to undertake more preventive work in the community, publicizing healthy eating programmes and greater awareness of nutrition, but find time a limitation.

It can, for someone like Amanda, be a near perfect job, combining as it does patient contact, management and an interest in science. But there is always a catch — in a small profession of only 2,000 qualified members, it is relatively easy to reach a district dietitian's post by one's early thirties. After that, pay and promotion prospects are limited.

All a dietitian can do is apply for a post in a bigger district or take on some freelance work, often combining a hospital or community post with one of the advisory or consultant roles mentioned above.

● *Further information from:* the British Dietetic Association, Daimler House, Paradise Circus, Queensway, Birmingham B1 2BJ (send SAE).

PUBLIC APPOINTMENTS

Bedfordshire County Council

County Secretary

£28,131 to £30,951 p.a. (4 x £705)

Applications are invited from solicitors with extensive high level legal and managerial experience in Local Government for this senior Chief Officer Post.

The Postholder will be a member of the Management Group of Chief Officers, and will head a Department which comprises six Divisions, namely, Administrative, Legal, Central Supplies, Catering Services, Trading Standards and the County Record Office.

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Application forms and further details are available from the Head of Manpower Services, County Hall, Bedford, MK42 9AP. Telephone Bedford 228288

Closing Date: Monday 2nd February 1987

The Council is an equal opportunity employer, and welcomes applications from members of ethnic minority groups, disabled persons and all other sections of the community.

BedFordshire

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Circa £12,500

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Application forms and further details from:

The Royal Town Planning Institute, 26 Portland Place, London, W1N 4BE.

01-636 9107

Closing Date 23rd January, 1987.

IMPERIAL CANCER RESEARCH FUND

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Experience in the theory or practice of one of the following topics: database systems, logic programming, or knowledge based systems. Some background in the biological sciences would be advantageous.

The projects are fixed-term (2/3 years) with funding from Hewlett Packard Laboratories (Bristol) or the SERC (Alvey programme) in collaboration with Reading University and GEC Hirst Research Centre. Salary in the range of £11,200 to £17,700.

Please send a full c.v. and request for further information, quoting reference number: 35/87, to Mrs . P. Harwood, Imperial Cancer Research Fund, Lincoln's Inn Fields, London WC2A 3PZ.

Closing date for applications: January 31, 1987.

Buckinghamshire County Council

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This is an ideal post for a Solicitor wishing to develop a career in Local Government. The principal duties involve the review of the Definitive Map of Rights of Way but in addition the postholder will help with the growing number of Social Services cases.

Further particulars and an application form from County Secretary and Solicitor, County Hall, Aylesbury; Telephone 0296 395000 Ext 210. Closing date 21st January 1987.

THE HATFIELD POLYTECHNIC
School of Information Sciences
Lecturer 2/ Senior Lecturer in Computer Science
£8,877-£13,938/£12,897-£16,155
Temporary post for up to 2 years

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Application forms and further details from the Staffing Officer, The Hatfield Polytechnic, PO Box 109, Hatfield AL10 9AB, or phone Hatfield (07072) 79802
Please quote reference 205
Closing date January 22, 1987.

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(to £14,100)

A suitably qualified accountant, with local government experience, is required for this position. The Chief Accountant is responsible to the Assistant Treasurer fopr operating the financial and budget strategy of the Authority and for DLO accounting.

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Application forms, to be returned by 22 January 1987 and Job Descriptions are available from the Personnel Officer, Northavon District Council, Council Offices, Thornbury, Bristol BS12 1HF. Telephone: Thornbury (0454) 416282 ext. 219. Interviews will be held on 5th and 6th February 1987. 14C.

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For an application form, returnable by 23rd January, 1987, please telephone our 24 hour answering service on Basingstoke (0256) 479443 or write to the Personnel Manager, Basingstoke and Deane Borough Council, Civic Office, London Road, Basingstoke, Hants. RG21 2AJ, quoting the job reference T.001/T.T.

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For further details and application form, apply to:

The Secretary, Knightstone Housing Association Limited, Union House, High Street, Weston-super-Mare, Avon, BS23 1JJ

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Job descriptions and application forms from Personnel Office, Civic Offices, Station Road, Addlestone, Surrey, KT15 2AH. Telephone Weybridge 46500, Ext. 215.

Closing date 19.1.87 Ref. 367/T. 76C

Runnymede Borough Council

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DIRECTOR

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The Director's Office, Age Concern England, Bernard Sunley House, 60 Pitcairn Road, Mitcham, Surrey CR4 3LL.

Closing date February 2nd.

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The Dean's Secretary, Blackwood Hodge Management Centre, Nene College, Moulton Park, Northampton NN2 7AL. Tel: 0604-715531.

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**T. L. Grime, Divisional Solicitor,
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Ref: 600/PS

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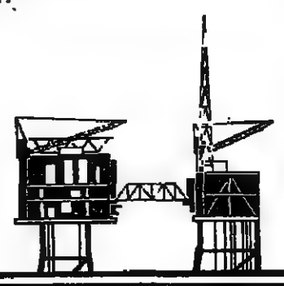

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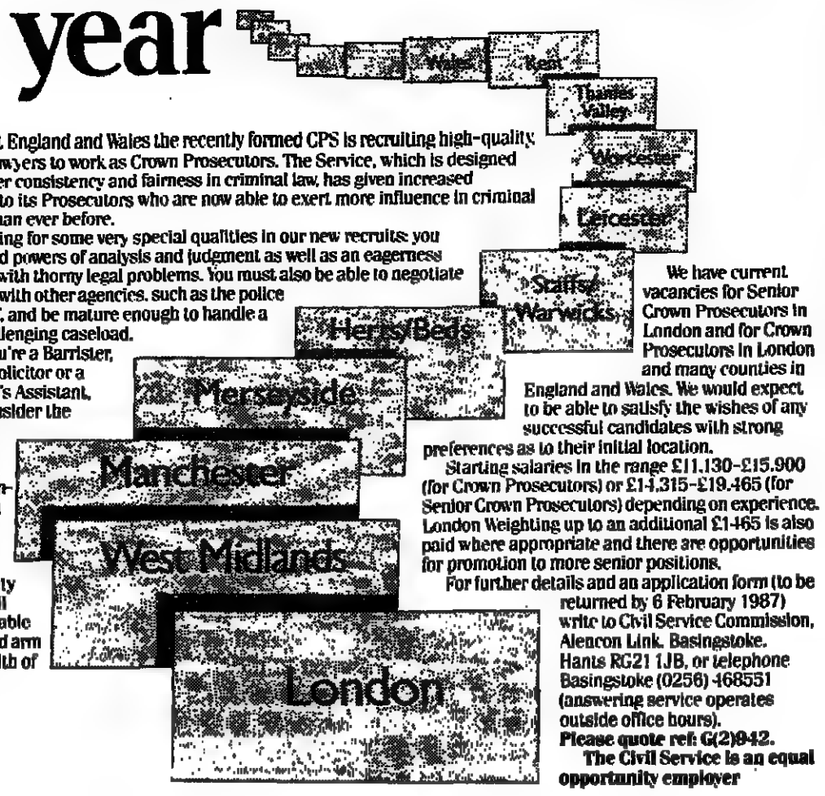

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By Mitchell Platts

Colin Snape yesterday ended his self-imposed silence following his "resignation" two months ago as executive director of the Professional Golfers' Association, based at The Belfry, Sutton Coldfield.

"I was asked to resign," revealed Snape. "It came as such a shock that I had to go into hibernation. There were incidents, departures from the normal routine, but I had no indication whatsoever of what was in the wind."

Snape's departure did not come as a complete surprise, as it had been rumoured that he was in conflict with certain members of the PGA's board of directors, but it nevertheless rocked the boat as he was widely considered the driving force behind the PGA. He also revealed that it cost him a £55,000 salary and a company house, which he must vacate in June, although he did receive two years' salary as compensation.

He claimed: "I took the assets of the PGA from £20,000 to £1.25m, the prize-money in the regions from £17,000 to £1.5m and the WPGA's overall prize fund from £150,000 to more than £1m.

"I like to think that I built the PGA a reputation on an equal footing to that enjoyed by the Royal and Ancient, the English Golf Union or any other leading organization in this sport. The reason for *waiting until now to state my* own point of view is that I was so personally hurt by the decision that I didn't trust myself to say anything rationally before now. At the age of 47 I was out of a job which I felt I had made a success of, and I was also house-hunting.

Snape: breaking his silence

"There were rumours of internal problems with the staff at The Belfry but I would have to say that they were only rumours, because in my opinion I had the respect of all concerned there." Snape recalled the day when he was informed by Derek Nash, the chairman of the PGA's board of directors, and Charlie Hughes, the captain, that in the committee's opinion it would be best if he resigned.

Snape said: "Derek said that I had become too prominent in the affairs of the association and that the committee wanted to play a greater role in the running of the PGA. In the beginning, when our headquarters were at the back of the Surrey cricket club's ground, the chairman and the captain were quite happy to *leave me to get on with it.* That is the way it stayed long after we moved to our modern offices at The Belfry. But committees are like wine: they change from year to year and the 1986 vintage was not like the previous ones."

Snape, the former honorary secretary of the Walmersley golf club in Lancashire and a Liverpool University graduate in commerce, most certainly hauled the PGA into the mainstream of the modern golfing world after taking over in June 1973, from Major John Bywater. But in the process it was claimed he ruffled more than a few feathers and there was increasing concern about his methods from inside what is essentially a members' organization.

Snape is critical of the PGA's decision not to directly replace him. He said: "They should have gone for a top-class individual rather than forming a four-man management team. You need a good boss: the buck has to stop somewhere. If Michael Bonallack resigned from the R and A or Deane Beman left the US PGA then they would automatically be replaced. I did offer to continue as a consultant for the WPGA, an offer which was declined, and I do believe that the time has come for them to move back out on their own and set up new headquarters."

Snape elected to make known his full feelings as he looked to the future. He is to head a new company within Horwath and Horwath (UK) Ltd, the international tourism, hotel and leisure consultants, and he is to act as a golf and *leisure consultant for Trust* House Forte.

"I worked with both companies when I was wearing a PGA hat," added Snape. "The PGA got the fees but I did the work. I am very excited about working for Horwath and Horwath and I am sure that *the experience that I gained* from running seven Ryder Cups will enable me to assist them into a wider involvement in sports consultancy."

The indication is that Snape, who plans to open his own office in the Midlands, will also utilize the wealth of experience he gleaned during his 14 years at the PGA to move into the management of golfers.

Glasgow club journey down memory lane

The Glasgow Golf Club, the ninth oldest club in the world, will turn the clock back 200 years in May as part of their bicentenary celebrations (Mitchell Platts writes).

Club members, dressed in period costume, will play on May 8 over a specially recreated course at the site of their first home, Glasgow Green, with eighteenth century-styled woods and "Featherie" golf balls.

Jack Halley, the captain of Glasgow Golf Club, which was founded in 1787 and moved to its present home at Killermont *in 1904, said:* "The bicentenary celebrations are intended for the enjoyment of our members.

"But by turning the clock back we are acknowledging our ties with the city of Glasgow and the contribution over the years of generations of Glasgow golfers.

Johnson's change of status rules her out at Penina

By John Hennessy

Patricia Johnson, arguably the best amateur player in the world, and certainly the best amateur in England in 1986, is a conspicuous absentee from the team of nine players chosen by the English Ladies Golf Association for training under Vivien Saunders at Penina next month.

This apparent aberration is explained by the fact that Miss Johnson will be turning professional before the first event of the European Women's tour, the Ford Classic at Woburn *from 29 April to 2 May, and will* therefore no longer be available for any English or British amateur team.

After five weeks' training at Houstob under David Clay, the mentor of Philip Parkin, Miss Johnson will return to this country to play in three more tournaments before Woburn — the Roehampton Gold Cup, the Avia Foursomes (at The Berkshire) and the Sunningdale Foursomes.

Two of the players going to Penina, Tracy Hammond and Julie Wade, have yet to win full England caps. Miss Hammond had to withdraw from the team in 1985, when she was taken ill, and she missed most of last season because of a digestive disorder which brought her weight down from 10 st to 8 st.

Miss Hammond's illness was diagnosed as a species of Chrones Disease and since leaving hospital she has been on a special diet and a course of injections. The two treatments have brought her back to full health and she has been playing again since last September.

Miss Wade is regarded as a player of special potential and no doubt she assured herself of a place by her sterling performances in the European junior championships (under-22) in Hamburg last year.Susan Shapcott, however, is the youngest member of the party, only 17 but already the holder of the English stroke-play title and runner-up to Jill Thornhill in the match-play championship

Miss Shapcott has left school with nine O levels and secured a clerical appointment in Bristol, where she lives. Her golfing career will be followed with much interest by those who see her as a player not merely of promising potential but of proven performance, for all her tender years.

TEAM: L Bayman, C Caldwell, J Collingham, T Hammond, S Moorcraft, S Shapcott, P Smith, J Thornhill and J Wade.

Super Bowl is next: John Elway, of the Denver Broncos, exults after his team's overtime win against Cleveland on Sunday

GLIDING

A British record for Davis

The British gliding team, now in Australia for the world championships, will be unable to regain the major title they lost held in 1981, when George Lee took the crown for a record third time in a row (a Special Correspondent writes). Lee, now a Cathay Pacific pilot, is representing Hong Kong this time and Britain have no entries in the Open class, which traditionally supplies the overall world champion.

However, they could still be world-beaters in the 15-metre and standard classes. And, indeed, in fine pre-practice soaring conditions, Andy Davis has already completed a 750-kilometre triangle in his Discus in a British record 110.5 kph.

The British team arrived at the weekend in Benalla, near Melbourne, for the championships, which take place every two years. But they have, in fact, been in Australia since Christmas, taking part in pre-practice gliding at Tocumwal, not far away.

The British team in Australia is Davis (Discus), Chris Garton (Discus), Brian Spreckley (LS-6), Dave Watt (ASW 20B), Martyn Wells (LS-6) and Justin Wills (Discus). Alister Kay (ASW 22) is reserve pilot.

Bowled over in superlatives

By Robert Kirley

The New York Giants and the Denver Broncos have little time to savour the conference championships they won on Sunday because their next stop is Super Bowl XXI, which will decide the champions of the National Football League, in sunny Pasadena, California, on January 25. The Giants' overpowering defensive unit led a 17-0 win against the Washington Redskins, and the Broncos beat the Cleveland Browns 23-20 in overtime with a field goal by Rich Karlis.

In the United States, the Super Bowl generates a degree of interest that is arguably unparalleled by any other sporting, political or entertainment phenomenon. How big is it? Let us put it this way: on a given evening, 125 million people do not watch *Dallas* or, for that matter, the coverage of a presidential election.

Representatives of the print media will temper no superlatives in their voluminous contribution to the two-week build-up. By the time the game starts, readers will have learnt the hobbies of the most obscure players; the coaches, Bill Parcells, of the Giants, and Dan Reeves, of the Broncos, will have been celebrated as "men of genius" (a condition which doubtless will change for one of them in light of the result); and even the most niggling of injuries will have been blown up to the magnitude of the first heart transplant. Is this hype? Why do you think they call the game "Super"? And why do you think they identify the games with Roman numerals?

The lore of the Super Bowl thrives on the exploits of the participating quarterbacks. John Elway, of Denver, and Phil Simms, of New York, are not merely playing in a big game for a lot of money — they are stepping into a tradition.

Elway, the first player selected in the 1983 draft, can throw the ball through a tree and is a constant threat to run. Simms, who has overcome numerous injuries during his career, has overweening self-confidence. One thing is certain: they both hate to lose: With this in mind, and condidering the Giants' splendid defensive unit, an early line on the outcome: Giants XVII, Broncos XIV.

History of the Super Bowl

Year	Game	Winners		Losers		Venue	Attendance
1967	I	Green Bay*	35	Kansas City†	10	Los Angeles	61,946
1968	II	Green Bay*	33	Oakland†	14	Miami	75,546
1969	III	New York Jets†	16	Baltimore*	7	Miami	75,389
1970	IV	Kansas City†	23	Minnesota*	7	New Orleans	80,562
1971	V	Baltimore††	16	Dallas**	13	Miami	79,204
1972	VI	Dallas**	24	Miami††	3	New Orleans	81,023
1973	VII	Miami††	14	Washington**	7	Los Angeles	90,182
1974	VIII	Miami††	24	Minnesota**	7	Houston	71,882
1975	IX	Pittsburgh††	16	Minnesota**	6	New Orleans	80,997
1976	X	Pittsburgh††	21	Dallas**	17	Miami	80,187
1977	XI	Oakland††	32	Minnesota**	14	Pasadena	103,438
1978	XII	Dallas**	27	Denver††	10	New Orleans	75,583
1979	XIII	Pittsburgh††	35	Dallas**	31	Miami	79,484
1980	XIV	Pittsburgh††	31	Los Angeles**	19	Pasadena	103,985
1981	XV	Oakland††	27	Philadelphia**	10	New Orleans	76,135
1982	XVI	San Francisco**	26	Cincinnati††	21	Pontiac	81,270
1983	XVII	Washington**	27	Miami††	17	Pasadena	103,667
1984	XVIII	LA Raiders††	38	Washington**	9	Tampa	72,920
1985	XIX	San Francisco**	38	Miami††	16	Stanford	84,059
1986	XX	Chicago**	46	New England††	10	New Orleans	73,818

* National Football League
† American Football League
** National Football Conference
†† American Football Conference

American Conference championship

Cleveland Browns	7	3	0	10	0 — 20
Denver Broncos	010	3	7	3	— 23

First quarter: Browns: Fontenot, 5yd pass from Kosar (Moseley kick), 9min 41sec elapsed. Second quarter: Broncos: Karlis, 19yd field goal, 2:53; Willhite, 1yd run, (Karlis kick), 4:24; Browns: Moseley 28yd fg, 14:40. Third quarter: Broncos: Karlis, 26yd fg, 12:10. Fourth quarter: Browns: Moseley, 24yd fg, 2:22; Brennan, 48yd pass from Kosar (Moseley kick), 8:17; Broncos: Jackson, 5yd pass from Elway (Karlis kick), 14:23. Overtime: Broncos: Karlis, 33yd fg, 5:48. Attendance: 75,915.

National Conference championship

New York Giants	10	7	0	0	— 17
Washington Redskins	0	0	0	0	— 0

First quarter: Allegre, 47yd field goal, 3min 35sec elapsed; Morris, 11yd pass from Simms (Allegre kick), 9:26. Second quarter: Morris, 1yd run (Allegre kick), 8:04. Attendance: 76,633.

European Law Report — Luxembourg

Insurers' state office requirement is against EEC law

Commission of the European Communities (supported by The Netherlands and the United Kingdom, Interveners) v Federal Republic of Germany (supported by Belgium, Denmark, France, Ireland and Italy, Interveners)
Case 205/84
Before Lord Mackenzie Stuart, President and Judges Y. Galmot, C. N. Kakouris, T. F. O'Higgins, F. A. Schockweiler, G. Bosco, T. Koopmans, O. Due, U. Everling, K. Bahlmann and R. Joliet
Advocate General Sir Gordon Slynn
(Opinion March 20, 1986)
[Judgment December 4]

Where an insurer, duly established in one EEC member state, wished to provide insurance services in another, a requirement imposed by the latter member state that the insurer should maintain an establishment in its territory was contrary to articles 59 and 60 of the EEC Treaty.

A requirement that such an insurer should be authorized by the state in which the services were to be provided was not however contrary to those articles.

The Commission of the European Communities had applied to the Court of Justice of the *European Communities* for a declaration that the Federal Republic of Germany had failed to fulfil its obligations under articles 59 and 60 of the EEC Treaty, in relation to the freedom to provide services in the field of insurance, including co-insurance, and under Council Directive 78/473/EEC of May 30, 1978 on the coordination of laws, regulations and administrative provisions relating to Community co-insurance (OJ 1978, No L151, p25).

In its judgment the European Court of Justice held:

First head of claim

The Commission's first head of claim concerned all insurance business other than transport insurance, Community co-insurance and compulsory insurance and it referred to the requirements of establishment and authorization imposed by the Versicherungsaufsichtsgesetz (insurance supervision law — VAG) on Community insurers as providers of services within the meaning of the Treaty.

In order to give judgment in these proceedings it was necessary to consider only the provision of services relating to contracts of insurance against risks situated in a member state which were concluded by a policy holder established or residing in that state with an insurer who was established in another member state and who did not maintain any permanent presence in the first state.

Conformity of VAG with articles 59 and 60

Articles 59 and 60 of the EEC Treaty, which became directly applicable on the expiry of the transitional period, required the removal not only of all discrimination against a provider of a service on the ground of his nationality but also of all restrictions on his freedom to provide services imposed by reason of the fact that he was established in a member state other than that in which the service was to be provided.

The requirements in question in these proceedings, namely that an insurer who was established in another member state, authorized by and subject to the supervision of the supervisory authority of that state, had to have a permanent establishment within the territory of the state in which the service was provided and that he had to obtain a separate authorization from the supervisory authority of that state, constituted restrictions on the freedom to provide services in as much as they increased the cost of such services in the state in which they were provided.

Those requirements might be regarded as compatible with articles 59 and 60 of the Treaty only if it were established that in the field of activity concerned there were (a) imperative reasons relating to the public interest which justified restrictions on the freedom to provide services, (b) that the public interest was not already protected by the rules of the state of establishment and (c) that the same result could not be obtained by less restrictive rules.

(a) Justification for restrictions

The insurance sector was a particularly sensitive area from the point of view of the protection of the consumer both as a policy holder and as an insured person. Moreover, contracts were concluded by such enormous numbers of policy holders that the protection of the interests of insured persons and injured third parties affected virtually the whole population.

All member states had therefore introduced legislation making insurance undertakings subject to mandatory rules both as to their financial position and the terms of insurance which they applied, and to permanent supervision to ensure that those rules were complied with.

It therefore appeared that in the field in question there were imperative reasons relating to the public interest which might justify restrictions on the freedom to provide services.

(b) Whether the public interest was already protected

It was necessary to consider whether Directives 73/239 and 79/267 had provided for conditions for conducting insurance business which were sufficiently *equivalent* throughout the Community and for means of supervision which were sufficiently effective for the restrictions imposed by the states in which the services were provided on the undertakings providing them to be entirely or at least partially abolished.

The two directives contained very detailed provisions on the free assets of the undertaking, in other words its own capital resources. Those provisions were intended to ensure that the undertaking was solvent and the directives required the supervisory authority of the member state in which the head office was situated to verify the state of solvency of the undertaking "with respect to its entire business".

It followed that the state in which the service was provided was not entitled to carry out such verifications itself, but had to accept a certificate of solvency drawn up by the supervisory authority of the member state in whose territory the head office of the undertaking providing the service was situated.

However, the two directives did not harmonize the national rules concerning technical reserves.

In the absence of any provision for such harmonization or for the harmonization of terms of insurance and in view of the considerable differences existing between national rules in those areas, the member state in which the services were provided was justified in requiring and verifying compliance with its own mandatory rules in respect of services provided within its territory, subject to the reservation that such rules should not exceed what was necessary for the purpose of ensuring that policy holders and insured persons were protected.

(c) The necessity of an authorization procedure

In all of the member states supervision of insurance undertakings was organized in the form of an authorization procedure and that the necessity of such a procedure was recognized in the two coordination directives as regarded the activities to which they referred.

As a result of those directives an undertaking which set up branches and agencies in member states other than that in which its head office was situated had therefore to obtain an authorization from the supervisory *authority of each of those states.*

The German Government's argument to the effect that only the requirement of an authorization could provide an effective means of ensuring the supervision which was justified on grounds relating to the protection of the consumer both as a *policy holder* and as an insured person had therefore to be accepted.

It had also to be acknowledged that, in the present state of Community Law, it was for the state in which the service was provided to grant and withdraw that authorization.

It was however to be emphasized that the authorization had to be granted on request to any undertaking established in another member state which met the conditions laid down by legislation of the state in which the service was provided and that the supervisory authority of the state in which the service was provided had to take into account supervision and verifications which had already been carried out in the member state of establishment.

It followed that the requirement of authorization might be maintained only in so far as it was justified on the grounds relating to the protection of policy holders and insured persons relied upon by the German Government.

It followed that the Commission's first head of claim was to be rejected in so far as it was directed against the requirement of authorization.

(d) The necessity of establishment

If the requirement of an authorization constituted a restriction on the freedom to provide services, the requirement of a permanent establishment was the very negation of that freedom.

It had the result of depriving article 59 of the Treaty of all effectiveness, a provision whose very purpose was to abolish restrictions on the freedom to provide services of persons who were not established in the state in which the service was to be provided.

If such a requirement was to be accepted it had to be shown that it constituted a condition which was indispensable for attaining the objective pursued.

The principle that administrative considerations could not justify derogation by a member state from the rules of Community law applied with even greater force where the derogation in question amounted to preventing the exercise of one of the fundamental freedoms guaranteed by the Treaty.

In this instance it was therefore not sufficient that the presence on the undertaking's premises of all the documents necessary for supervision by the authorities of the state in which the services provided might make it easier for those authorities to perform their task.

It had also to be shown that those authorities could not, even under an authorization procedure, carry out their supervisory tasks effectively unless the undertaking had, in the aforesaid state, a permanent establishment at which all the necessary documents were kept.

That had not been shown to be the case. It was possible under an authorization procedure to subject the undertaking to conditions of supervision by means of a provision in the certificate of authorization and ensure compliance with those conditions, if necessary by withdrawing that certificate.

It had therefore not been established that considerations concerning the protection of policy holders and insured persons made the establishment of the insurer in the territory of the state in which the service was provided an indispensable requirement.

The second head of claim

In its second head of claim the Commission sought a declaration that the Federal Republic had failed to fulfil its obligations not only under articles 59 and 60 of the Treaty but also under Directive 78/473 on Community co-insurance. According to the Commission, Germany infringed articles 59 and 60 when, in transposing Directive 78/473 into national law, it exempted only the other co-insurers and not the leading insurer from the requirements of authorization and establishment.

Article 2(1)(c) of the Directive provided that "the leading insurer is authorized in accordance with the conditions laid down in the first co-ordination directive, that is, he is treated as if he were the *insurer covering* the whole risk".

The Directive did not however indicate in which member state the leading insurer was to be authorized and it followed from what the Court had said in relation to the first head of claim that according to Community law an insurer who was already authorized and established in a member state need not necessarily be established in another member state in order to be able to cover the whole of the risk situated in the territory of that state.

As regarded the insurance sector in general the Court had already held in this case that the requirement of establishment was incompatible with articles 59 and 60 of the Treaty. Consequently, such a requirement in relation to the leading insurer could find no basis in Directive 78/473.

It was therefore sufficient to consider whether the requirement that the leading insurer had to be authorized in the country of the risk was in conformity with Community law.

Consideration of the first head of claim had shown that the requirement that an insurance undertaking providing services was to be authorized in the state in which the service was provided could be regarded as compatible with the Treaty only in so far as it was justified on grounds relating to the protection of the consumer.

The directive applied only to Community co-insurance operations relating to certain risks. It was concerned with insurance which was taken out only by large undertakings or groups of undertakings which were in a position to assess and negotiate insurance policies proposed to them. Consequently arguments based on consumer protection did not have the same relevance as in connection with other forms of insurance.

Consideration of the first head of claim had also shown that the requirement of authorization in the state in which the service was provided was not justified where the undertaking providing the services already satisfied equivalent conditions in the member state in which it was established.

According to its preamble, Directive 78/473 was intended to establish the minimum co-ordination necessary to facilitate the effective pursuit of Community co-insurance business and to organize special cooperation between the supervisory authorities of the member states and between those authorities and the Commission.

A difference of treatment between the leading insurer and other co-insurers, as provided for by the German legislation, did not appear to be objectively justified.

Although it was for the leading insurer to negotiate the contract and to ensure its performance, there was nothing to prevent him from covering a much smaller part of the risk than that covered by the other co-insurers.

In those circumstances and for the insurance to which Directive 78/473 on co-insurance applied, not only the requirement that the leading insurer be established but also the requirement that he be authorized, which were laid down in the VAG were contrary to articles 59 and 60 of the Treaty and therefore also to the directive.

On those grounds, the European Court of Justice:

1 Declared that the Federal Republic of Germany had failed to fulfil its obligations under articles 59 and 60 of the EEC Treaty by providing in the VAG that where insurance undertakings wished to provide services in that member state in relation to directive insurance business, other than transport insurance, through salesmen, representatives, agents and other intermediaries, they were to be established in its territory; however that failure did not extend to compulsory insurance and insurance for which the insurer either maintained a permanent presence equivalent to an agency or a branch or directed his business entirely or principally towards the territory of *the Federal Republic of Germany;*

2 Declared that the Federal Republic of Germany had failed to fulfil its obligations under articles 59 and 60 of the Treaty and under Council Directive 78/473/EEC on Community co-insurance by requiring that, for services provided in connection *with Community co-insurance,* where the risk was situated in the Federal Republic of Germany, the lead insurer be established and authorized in that state;

3 For the rest, dismissed the application;

4 Ordered the parties, including *the interveners,* to bear their own costs.

Judgments in similar terms to those of paragraph 2 above *mutatis mutandis,* were delivered in Case 220/83, *Commission v France;* Case 252/83, *Commission v Denmark* and in Case 206/84, *Commission v Ireland.*

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Charity's tax claim too late

Inland Revenue Commissioners v Crawley and Others
Before Mr Justice Vinelott
[Judgment December 19]

For income tax purposes overdue payments to a charity made under covenant were the *income of the charity* for the years in which the payments were due and not of the years in which they were paid. It followed that a charity's claim for repayment of tax made later than six years after a covenanted payment to it fell due had been made out of time and was too late.

Mr Justice Vinelott so held in a reserved judgment in the Chancery Division in allowing an appeal by the Crown from a determination of the special commissioners that had allowed a claim for repayment of tax by the trustees of the Phill Jacobs Charity Trust.

By a deed executed in 1971 Mr Jonathan Jacobs covenanted to pay £5,000 a year to a charity. The payments under that deed fell into arrears and those due for 1974 to 1976 inclusive were not made until some years later. When they were eventually made Mr Jacobs deducted income tax at source at the rate applicable for the years when the payments fell due.

In February 1984 the charity's trustees claimed repayment of that tax from the Revenue as follows: "I claim the sum of £5,150 for the period ended 5-4-77 (paid 1979/80, 1980/81 and 1982/83)".

That claim was refused on the basis that the payments were income of the charity for the years in which they were due under the deed and the claim, having not been made within the six-year time limit specified in section 43 of the Taxes Management Act 1970, was statute barred.

The trustees appealed to the special commissioners contending that the payments were the income of the charity for the years in which they were paid and not for the years in which they fell due with the result that the claim was made within the time limit.

The commissioners accepted the trustees' case and allowed their claim.

Mr Christopher McCall for the Crown; Mr Thomas Ashe for the trustees.

MR JUSTICE VINELOTT said that the Crown contended that the provisions of section 52 of the Income and Corporation Taxes Act 1970 indicated that where sums of money were paid under deduction of income tax the sums were to be treated as income of the year for which they were paid.

The payer, the Crown said, in making an annual payment deducted tax at the rate in force at the date when the payment became due and not at the date when he actually made the payment. But in estimating the total income of the payee the income was to be deemed to be the income of the year by reference to which tax had been deducted.

Thus, the Crown argued, when payment was made by a payer out of profits or gains brought into charge to tax, then the payment was part of the taxable income of the payee for *the year when the payment* became due even though that might have been more than six years before the payment was made.

The Crown's argument was unanswerable. It followed that the trustees' claim for repayment of income tax was made more than six years after the covenanted payments were due and it was statute barred.

Trustees in deciding whether or not to take steps to enforce the making of covenanted payments on time should bear in mind that delay might result in loss of a claim for repayment of tax.

Solicitors: Solicitor of Inland Revenue; Turner Kenneth Brown.

Construing ambiguous document

Macey and Another v Qazi

The principle that a document was to be construed *contra proferentem* did not require a party who was seeking to rely upon a written agreement, which he had drawn up, to establish what the agreement meant and that it was not only capable of being enforced but also *intelligible* to the other party.

The *contra proferentem* principle was only to be relied on, and then only as it were in the last resort, when an agreement was ambiguous and permitted of two possible interpretations. In those circumstances if there were nothing else indicating which meaning had been in*tended, the principle* required the court to choose the interpretation which was more against the interests of the party proferring the document.

Where, however, the words of the document construed objectively were not ambiguous or uncertain, there was no scope for the operation of the *contra proferentem* principle.

The Court of Appeal (Lord Justice May and Sir John Megaw) so held on January 12, allowing an appeal by the defendant from an order of Southend County Court (Judge Rice), giving judgment for the plaintiff.

YACHTING: KIWIS RIDICULE AMERICAN SYNDICATE'S SECRET WEAPONS

Leaks in Conner security gives Dickson valuable ammunition

From Barry Pickthall, Fremantle

The first shells in a psychological war developing between rival America's Cup skippers Dennis Conner, the American veteran, and Chris Dickson, the Kiwi upstart, were fired yesterday with the San Diego sailor receiving a direct hit.

On the eve of their best-of-seven final series to select a champion to challenge the Australians for the America's Cup, starting today, Dickson, billed here as the "Kiwi-kid", stole the high ground by pouring ridicule over Stars and Stripes's secret weapons. Asked what changes he had made to the American 12-metre during the break, Conner played down developments to her wing keel. Dickson quickly chipped in: "Dennis forgot to add that he also has a different rudder."

It brought an embarrassed glance from the American master, but proved to be only a ranging shot. When asked what other weapons Conner might have up his sleeve, Dickson said: "Perhaps I can answer that," then provided chapter and verse on a secret film to reduce hull friction that the Americans have applied to their boat. Not only did Dickson know the thickness, sheet size and methods of application, but revealed the Kiwis had tried and rejected the film in favour of another friction reducing agent. Conner looked crest-fallen.

Later, John Marshall, the Stars and Stripes design co-ordinator, explained that the reduction film, which has a multitude of barely visable micro-grooves or riblets cut longitudinally across the surface, reduces friction on aircraft by as much as 10 per cent. He also revealed that tank-tests on 12 metre models had shown a worthwile improvement.

The Stars and Stripes syndicate are following the advice of Doug McLean, an engineer with Boeing, who tested the laminate on a one-man rowing shell and found total drag was reduced by six per cent. The film aided the American coxed fours to win a silver medal behind the British rowing crew at the Los Angeles Olympic Games in 1984.

Marshall is convinced the film would add significantly to boat speed, but others remain unconvinced. Tom Blackaller, the rival American skipper knocked out at the semi-finals by Conner, said: "It's just hype. I doubt if it will add more than 0.01 of a knot."

The New Zealanders are known to have been experimenting with other ideas, including a spray-on chemical invented by Siegfried Swensson, a Swedish scientist, used by White Crusader, Britain's unsuccessful entry.

Sources within the Kiwi camp say they tried it for a day and could not wash it off quick enough. Chris Law, helmsman on the British 12 metre is also unconvinced. "Psychologically it was quite a good thing, but I never detected any advantage."

According to Dr Van Oossanen, head of research at the Netherland's Ship Model Basin where the three Australian defenders were developed, the film could add up to an equivalent of one minute on every beat upwind – but only in ideal conditions. "The film works well in tank test conditions, but unlike the flow across an aircraft which remains relativly uniform, the waterflow over a hull is never that. The riblets require a very steady flow to work effectivly, and I wouldn't be surprised if they have a detrimental effect in adverse conditions."

Bottom finishes however, are just one area where fiction has been used to hide fact. The "gennaker" balloon jib developed by Tom Schnackenberg, the New Zealand sail designer for Alan Bond's Australia IV certainly proved a step forward, and caught other syndicates wrong-footed. But other developments, including a variable plane two-ply headsail that Schackenberg is also reported to have developed, appears to have been pure hype.

"The're double the weight and present twice the handling problems," Kent Luxton, the New Zealand syndicate sail designer, says. "If the Australians had developed that sail properly, they would have used it against Kookaburra." Luxton, who worked under Schnackenberg during Bond's successful 1983 Cup campaign, completed production of New Zealand IV's gennakers in his dockside loft yesterday – only 24 hours after the international jury gave the go-ahead to the sail. "We did all our design work and testing last week, but waited for the committee's approval before wasting any cloth," he said.

Conner also has some new sails under wraps yesterday, including what he calls a 'dolly', but as Dickson put it "There's really not a lot of secrets out here."

The final challenge round for the Louis Vuitton Cup, starting today, is seen here more as a battle between experience and raw talent. Dickson was aged 11 when Conner stepped aboard his first 12 metre and the San Diego yachtsman has the experience of five Cup campaigns to see his syndicate through to the final against the successful Australians.

But Dickson, from Auckland, remains unimpressed. "The development of the wing keel has totally changed 12 metre sailing. We've have just as much experience with these as Conner." However, according to Dickson, age may have a bearing. "Iain Murray (Kookaburra III) is 28, Colin Beashel (Australia IV) is 27 and I'm 25. Dennis Conner is 44 – you spot the mistake."

While Conner and his crew remained quietly confident yesterday, Dickson began and ended the day with the last word. "All you can go on is the history of racing in this America's Cup. The fact is, one boat has won 37 out of 38 races and the other has won only 31 out of 38."

Boat Show diary

Crowds on crest of a wave

By Roger Lean-Vercoe

The London International Boat Show, now in its second week at the Earls Court Exhibition Centre, smashed all attendance records at the weekend when a total of more than 67,000 visitors went through the turnstiles. By Sunday evening, the show had hosted a grand total of nearly 105,000 – 20 per cent up on a similar period last year.

The figures undoubtedly reflect the increasing popularity of the sport, spurred on by media coverage of the America's Cup and the continuing success of BBC television's popular soap, *Howard's Way*.

It appears, too, that the visitors are not all at the show out of curiosity, as manufacturers from right across the market-place continue to report high sales figures. Cougar Marine, the offshore racing powerboat specialists, who also built both 12-metre yachts for Britain's America's Cup challenge, have received orders for six of their 38-foot, £120,000 day cruisers, which, with their 90mph capability, must be one of the nippiest run-abouts on the water.

The firm expect to build some 70 boats during the year, representing an increase of 300 per cent over last year's production, and all of them will be at the top end of the speedboat/offshore racer market.

In the mid-range sailing yacht market, Sadler Yachts, of Poole, in Dorset, report sales of seven yachts up to 32 feet in length, while sales of 16 of their 45-foot *Barracudas*, which have been featured in *Howard's Way*, are in the pipeline. Delivery for new orders of these £75,000-plus cruiser/racers is now forecast to be in September.

The *Howard's Way* cameras themselves visit the show on Friday – to film scenes for a forthcoming series. Perhaps we will see even better figures for next year!

Charles and Cole move up to fourth

Glyn Charles, the 1985 national champion, moved up into fourth place in the Swan Premium laser world championship, off Melbourne, but it was Simon Cole, the current champion, who stole the day for the British after finishing third in yesterday's fickle third heat (Barry Pickthall writes).

After waiting for an 8-12 knot breeze to develop, the lead remained in doubt until Asbjorn Arkvaern, of Sweden, opened a one minute lead.

RESULTS: Third race (subject to protest): 1, A Arnkvaern (Swe); 2, N Alencastro (Braz); 3, S Cole (GB); 4, T Houdemond (Fr); 5, P Tanscheit (Braz). Leading British placings: 14, G Charles; 32, P Lowery; 35, N Freeman; 54, R Lott. Overall: 1, G Svensson (Swe), 25pts; 2, S Wallace (Aus), 29.75; 3, S Ellis (Aus), 33; 4, Charles.

CRICKET: SOUTH AFRICA'S FIRST COLOURED PLAYER OFFERS OLIVE BRANCH

Step up: Henry, who has achieved his Springbok ambition

Henry hoping his choice will help political changes

From Ivo Tennant, Cape Town

In the 1960s, when only whites made it on to the square and into the stands at Newlands, Omar Henry's overriding ambition was to play cricket for South Africa. With that pipe-dream achieved 20 years later, having become the first coloured cricketer to be selected for his country for the match against Kim Hughes's Australians, he has another goal: to work for political change through his sporting prowess.

Time is not on his side. On January 23, the day after the third match at Kingsmead, Durban, ends, he will be 35. Like Basil D'Oliveira, who once coached him, Henry is a late developer. It is a testimony to his character that he has survived the poor facilities of his youth and the "Uncle Tom" jibes of those in his background who felt he should never play with whites.

Like D'Oliveira, Henry is a Cape coloured. He grew up in Stellenbosch, a wine growing area, an hour's drive from Cape Town. His father, a bookbinder, would take him to Newlands where he would sit under the scoreboard and watch the Pollocks and Barlows. Although seating was segregated, nobody minded who sat there.

The facilities and equipment Henry used were barely fundamental. His bat was self-made, the ball was soft and the pitch was the street. The only coaching Henry had as a boy was when he was at Luckhoff high school. D'Oliveira was the visiting coach and the session lasted just one day. Yet talking to the England all-rounder was enough to convince Henry he would like to play overseas. Clearly recognizing his talent, D'Oliveira encouraged him to think that way.

"I was depressed that there were limited opportunities for me in South Africa," Henry said. "Yet I always thought I would break through the barriers and play at Newlands. The standard of the South African Cricket Board of Control (the association for coloureds and blacks) was not good enough to improve my game."

When cricket became multi-racial in 1977, Henry was the first coloured man to play for Western Province, under the auspices of the South African Cricket Union. This was in violation of some racial laws in force at the time, yet it hardly won him the respect of all his race.

"The people opposed to me playing with whites were just as entitled to their view as I was to mine. We were all fighting for the same changes, but I was taking a different route. Now people want me to reform the country. I have had my setbacks and achievements and I hope I can open the way for people of my colour. I will help them if they need it."

It has taken Henry 10 seasons of multi-racial cricket to make the grade. An aggressive batsman and left-arm orthodox bowler, he was never assured of a place for Western Province, although that was largely because they had on their staff Hobson, then the best spin bowler in South Africa, and, for a while, Emburey. At the end of the 1983-84 season Henry joined Boland. It was a step down, if not backwards. His hopes of representative cricket were thought to have gone.

In 1984-85 in the Castle Bowl competition – the B section of the Currie Cup – he took only 22 wickets and scored only 163 runs. Last season, though, he made 263 runs and took 37 wickets in six matches. He has carried on that form this season. He has also played for Scotland, and has played and coached for several years at Stenhousemuir.

Whether or not his selection is a political ploy is difficult to ascertain. There is little doubt that South Africa feel they have the series won and that little harm would be done by experimentation. On the other hand, Kourie, the spinner who played at Newlands, is overweight and out of form, and needed to be omitted. Also, Rice, the most combative of cricketers, would not countenance the inclusion of a bowler not worthy of selection. Henry has been close to playing for South Africa for some years. Ultimately, he will be judged on his figures.

So it is vital for his cause as well as for himself that Henry succeeds. "I felt in the past that South Africa did not want to pick me because of my colour," he said. "My averages were good and I was playing fine cricket. I was hurt, but I realise now that South African cricket was in the initial stages of changing.

"The SACU and the SACB are both fighting the Government – that is obvious. Ali Bacher says what he sees of cricket in Soweto is enlightening. Hassan Howa says the SACB cannot go it alone. The two must now find common ground. My aim is to help them solve my country's problems."

● EAST LONDON: Rodney Hogg and Terry Alderman, left out of the first two unofficial Australian matches against South Africa, each took four wickets to crush a young South African invitation XI by an innings and 46 runs.

SCORES: South African Invitation XI 165 (J J Strydom 52; Faulkner 5-49) and 121 (M W Rushmere 49 not out; R M Hogg 4-23, T M Alderman 4-24). Australian XI 332 (G N Yallop 182 not out; P Anker 4-73).

Henschell's 130 stands supreme on a drab day

Townsville (AP) – A superb 130 by the Queensland batsman, Brett Henschell, was the only shining light on an otherwise dull second day of the three-day match between Queensland and the West Indies here yesterday.

Henschell hammered the West Indies' bowlers all over the ground, and his innings took 210 balls in 278 minutes. He hit a six and 12 boundaries.

Queensland's captain, Robbie Kerr, declared at 240 for seven shortly before stumps in reply to the West Indies' 277 for eight with only one day remaining.

A disappointing crowd of 1,259 would have been let down but for Henschell's entertaining innings, and both captains ruled out any possibility of a result today.

The acting West Indian captain, Michael Holding, said the only hope of a result was if the Queensland attack bowled his side out cheaply.

SCORES: West Indies: First innings: 277 for 8 dec. Queensland: First innings: 240 for 7 dec (B Henschell 130, M Holding 3-15).

Getty's gift to Northants

Northamptonshire have become the latest county cricket club to benefit from a generous donation from millionaire Mr J Paul Getty Junior. He has given them £10,000 towards the cost of their new west stand at the County Ground.

Mr Getty has donated similar gifts to several other counties to assist building projects and Northamptonshire's secretary/manager Steve Coverdale said: "We would like to thank Mr Getty publicly for his immense generosity, not only to Northamptonshire but to cricket in general."

RACING

Outlook grim for racing

There will no racing in Britain today or tomorrow, and prospects of a resumption on Thursday are remote.

Today's meetings at Leicester and Newton Abbot both failed to survive morning inspections because of frost, and tomorrow's Plumpton and Kelso programmes quickly followed.

Both Thursday's meetings also look certain to be called off. Southwell consider it a formality that their card will be abandoned after a noon inspection today, while Wincanton, who inspect at 2pm, report their situation hopeless. The total of abandoned meetings this season has now reached 21.

Reed decides to turn professional

Tim Reed, the reigning northern champion National Hunt amateur, has turned professional to shake off the restrictions which have seriously hampered his riding activities over the past six months.

Reed, runner-up to Tim Thomson Jones for the amateurs' title last season, has found his opportunities severely restricted this term. Apart from amateur riders' races, he could ride only horses trained by his father George, or those belonging to permit holders. He was also barred from National Hunt Flat races.

The final straw came at Edinburgh's opening jumping fixture last week. The trainer Mary Reveley asked Reed to deputise for the injured Peter Niven on hot favourite Firm Price in a novice hurdle. But he had to decline the offer because Mrs Reveley is a public trainer, and Tim had to watch from the stands as Ridley Lamb coasted home on Firm Price.

Reed came to the racing public's attention in the 1984-85 season, during he won on Chrysaor and Aberlow, both at Ascot, for trainer Simon Christian. *Both horses have gone on* to prove themselves notably talented performers.

"I ended with 14 wins and Simon hinted that I might go to Lambourn and work for him, but I decided to stay in the North," said Reed. He equalled that score last season, and in the process lost his riding allowance. Five winners this season have taken Tim's career tally to 46, besides 25 point-to-point winners.

One man on whom Reed can *depend for future employment* is Jonjo O'Neill, who said: "There hasn't been a better amateur in the North for the last two seasons."

Colt honoured

Dancing Brave received the first unanimous vote in the history of the Racegoers Club award for the racehorse of the year. All 27 press nominations were for the Guy Harwood-trained colt, the winner of the Prix de l'Arc de Triomphe.

New season opens with historic Old Raby fixture

By Brian Beel

The Old Raby Hunt will hold its first point-to-point meeting on February 7, the opening day of the new season. The Old Raby Hunt Club fixture shares the date with the Staff College and Waveney Harriers, the first of the season's scheduled 198 meetings. The season continues until June 6.

The Raby Hunt was formed 200 years agoby the Duke of Cleveland, who, from his base at Raby Castle, took his private pack all over the north of England, staying up to a month in any one area. From these hounds and the circle of friends he and his three sons formed around them emerged most of the present day hunts in north Yorkshire and Durham.

The Raby bought, and still owns, the kennels and stables of the Zetland Hunt but has had no pack of its own this century. However, 72 years ago the Old Raby Hunt Club was constituted by the then Marquis of Zetland and has remained a private club of 100 elected members.

This year current subscribers to those hunts spawned by the Raby may become point-to-point members only and race against each other in two events on the card at Witton Castle, one of which will be confined to maidens.

Another new meeting added to the fixture list is the South East Hunts Club. With the East Sussex and Romney Marsh moving to Bexhill last season the combined hunts of the Southdown and Eridge wished to hold both their meetings at Heathfield. This left the Crawley and Horsham to bear the full cost of the upkeep at Parham. The extra fixture was, therefore, allocated to this course and opens the season in the South East on March 7.

The Times is another new face on the point-to-point scene, sponsoring a 26-race series which culminates in the £2,500-added *Times* Championship Final at Towcester on May 22. The first three in each qualifier will be eligible for the final.

It is pleasing to report that many of the hunts are taking advantage of the rules change which allows the adjacent hunts race on their programme to be made more competitive by a scale of penalties for previous winners.

Hunts have been given guidance on the various forms of penalties, the most effective of which is "a winner since July 1, 1985, of each adjacent hunts race (except maidens) to carry 3lb extra; each open race (except restricted opens) to carry 5lb extra; each steeplechase or hurdle race to carry 7lb extra. Penalties are cumulative."

However, the authorities have apparently not foreseen that winners of adjacent restricted races will have to carry 3lb extra while winners of an open restricted event will seemingly escape a penalty.

Border Burg: last season's leading point-to-pointer and hunter chaser, winning the Audi Chase Final at Sandown

Point-to-point fixtures for the 1987 season

Feb 7: Staff College & RMA at Tweseldown; Waveney at Higham; Old Raby Hunt Club at Witton Castle.
Feb 14: Cambridgeshire at Cottenham; East Cornwall at Great Trethew; Haydon at Corbridge; Oxford at Kingston Blount (T); United Services at Larkhill.
Feb 21: Lanarkshire & Renfrewshire at Bogside; Mid-Devon at Ottery St Mary; South Durham at Stockton; Suffolk at Ampton.
Feb 28: Army at Tweseldown; Berwickshire at Friar's Haugh; Bolventor Harriers at Lemalla; Brocklesby at Brocklesby Park; Mendip Farmers at Nedge; North Hertfordshire at Newtown; North Norfolk at Higham; Sinnington at Duncombe Park; West Shropshire at Weston Park.
Mar 7: Bicester with Whaddon Chase at Mollington; Cambridge University at Cottenham; Cheshire Forest at Tatton Park; Derwent Foxhounds at Wykeham; Duke of Beaufort's at Didmarton; Hursley Hambledon at Badbury Rings; Pembrokeshire at Scoveston Fort; South Cornwall at Great Trethew; South East Hunts Club at Parham; Tiverton at Ottery St Mary; West Percy & Milvain at Alnwick.
Mar 11: South Herefordshire at Garnons.
Mar 14: Avon Vale at Nedge; Brecon at Llantrynach; Cumberland Farmers at Dalston (T); Dunston at Costessey; Flint and Denbigh at Eaton Hall (T); Grove and Rufford at Newark; Holderness at Dalton Park; Mid-Surrey Farmers at Charing; North Ledbury at Upton on Severn; Oakley at Newton Bromswold; Silverton at Haldon; Western at Wadebridge.
Mar 21: Cambridgeshire at Horseheath (T); Cottesmore at Garthorpe; Dart Vale & Haldon & S. Pool Harriers at Ottery St Mary; Golden Valley at Bredwardine; Harkaway Club at Chaddesley Corbett; Hurworth at Stockton; New Forest Buckhounds at Larkhill; Quantock Staghounds at Wilton; Sir W W Wynn's at Eaton Hall; Southdown and Eridge at Heathfield; Tivyside at Lydstep; Tweseldown Club at Tweseldown; Tynedale at Corbridge.
Mar 28: Blankney at Carholme; Bramham at Carholme; Bramham Moor at Wetherby; Crawley and Horsham at Parham; Bicester at Higham; Eglinton at Bogside; Fitzwilliam at Cottenham; Grafton at Mollington; Lamerton at Kilworthy; Meynell & South Staffordshire at Sandon; Monmouthshire at Llanvapley; Ross Harriers at Garnons; Vale of Clettwr at Erw Lon; VWH at Siddington; Weston & Banwell at Nedge (T); Wilton at Badbury Rings.
Apr 1: Tiverton Staghounds at Bishopsleigh (T).
Apr 4: Belvoir at Garthorpe (T); Carmarthenshire Foxhounds at Lydstep; Cattistock at Beaminster; Cleveland at Little Ayton; Clifton-on-Teme at Bromyard; Essex at Marks Tey (T); Hampshire Hunt at Hackwood Park (T); Llangibby at Howick; North Cornwall at Wadebridge; Pegasus Club (Bar) at Little Horwood; Percy at Alnwick; Tickham at Detling.
Apr 7: Dumfriesshire at Lockerbie; Heythrop at Chipping Norton.
Apr 8: East Devon at Chard.
Apr 11: Bicester with Whaddon Chase at Little Horwood; Blackmore & Sparkford Vale at Kingweston; Cheshire at Alpraham; Chiddingfold, Leconfield and Cowdray at Midhurst; Glamorgan at Cowbridge; Ludlow at Bitterley; Middleton at Whitwell on the Hill; Morpeth at Tranwell; Puckeridge & Thurlow at Horseheath; Royal Artillery at Larkhill; Southwold at Carholme; Spooners & W Dartmoor at Higher Kilworthy; West Kent at Penshurst.
Apr 14: Duke of Buccleuch's & Jedforest at Friar's Haugh; Point to Point Owners Association at Ashorne.
Apr 15: Axe Vale at Stafford Cross (T).
Apr 18: Ashford Valley at Charing; Bedale & West of Yore at Bedale (T); Curre at Howick (T); East Essex at Marks Tey; Garth & S Berks at Tweseldown; Ledbury at Maisemore Park; Linlithgow & Stirlingshire at Oatridge (T); North Staffordshire at Sandon; Portman at Badbury Rings; Tetcott at Crimp (T); Vale of Aylesbury at Kimble; Vale of Lune Harriers at Whittington; West Somerset Vale at Nedge; Wheatland at Bitterley (T); Woodland Pytchley at Dingley.
Apr 20: Brass of Derwent at Tranwell; East Kent at Aldington (T); Eggesford at Bishopsleigh; Essex Farmers & Union at Marks Tey; Four Burrow at Wadebridge; North Cotswold at Broadway; Old Berkshire at Lockinge; Southdown & Eridge at Heathfield; South Notts at Newark; South Pembrokeshire at Lydstep (T); South Shropshire at Eyton-on-Severn; Staintondale at Wykeham (T); Talybont at Talybont-on-Usk; Taunton Vale Hunts at Kingston St Mary; Vine & Craven at Hackwood Park.
Apr 21: Croome & W Warwickshire at Upton on Severn; High Peak Harriers & N E Cheshire at Flagg Moor; Pytchley at Guilsborough.
Apr 25: Berks & Bucks at Kingston Blount (T); Dartmoor at Flete Park; East Sussex & Romney Marsh at Bexhill; Essex & Suffolk at Higham; Fife at Balcormo Mains; Pentyrch at Llantwit Major (T); Quorn at Garthorpe; Seavington at Chard; South & West Wilts at Larkhill; Staffordshire Moorland Hunt at Flagg Moor (T); Worcestershire at Chaddesley Corbett (T); York & Ainsty Hunts at Easingwold.
Apr 29: Cotswold Foxhounds (evening) at Andoversford; South Devon at Haldon.
May 2: Albrighton at Weston Park; Berkeley at Woodford; Devon & Somerset Staghounds at Holnicote; Essex Farmers and Union at Marks Tey; Fernie at Dingley (T); Lauderdale at Mosshouses; Llangeinor at St Mary Hill; Old Surrey & Burstow at Penshurst; Pendle Forest & Craven Hunt at Gisburn; South Dorset at Badbury Rings; Teme Valley & United at Brampton Bryan (T).
May 4: Banwen Miners at Erw Lon; Burton at Carholme; Cotley at Chard; Enfield Chace at Northaw; Mr Goschen's at Tweseldown; North Shropshire at Eyton-on-Severn; Radnor & West Hereford at Cursneh Hill; Stevenstone at Crimp; Warwickshire (Evening) at Ashorne; West Street at Aldington (T); Zetland at Witton Castle.
May 9: Atherstone at Clifton-on-Dunsmore; Badsworth at Wetherby; Holcombe Harriers at Aintree; Minehead Harriers & W Somerset at Holnicote; Modbury Harriers at Flete Park; Surrey Union at Peper Harrow; Vale of Aylesbury (Evening) at Kingston Blount; West Norfolk at Fakenham; Ystrad Foxhonds at Llantwit Major.
May 16: Cotswold Vale Farmers Foxhounds at Andoversford; Dulverton (West) at Bratton Down; Llandeilo Farmers at Erw Lon; Melton Hunt Club at Garthorpe; Tedworth at Larkhill; Tredegar Farmers at Llantarnam.
May 20: Cambridge University United Hunts Club (Evening) at Cottenham.
May 23: Dulverton (East) at Dulverton; Gelligaer Farmers Foxhounds at Llantarnam; Isle of Wight at Tweseldown.
May 25: Albrighton Woodland at Chaddesley Corbett; New Forest at Larkhill; South Tetcott at Ashwater.
May 30: Exmoor at Bratton Down.
June 6: Torrington Farmers at Umberleigh.
T – Times Qualifier.

MOTOR RALLYING

Stragglers are still lost in the desert

Tahoua, Niger (AFP) – Of the 55 competitors in the Paris to Dakar rally still to emerge from Saturday's gruelling test in the Tenere desert in Niger, four cars and one lorry were still missing before the search for them resumed yesterday. Most of the stragglers – 41 cars and lorries and 14 motorcycles – turned up at Agades, but those missing are believed to be to the north of Tenere in the region where Thursday's stage took place.

Two helicopters and two light aircraft were out on Sunday – a rest day for the rally – scouring the desert along with a DC3 back-up plane carrying cans of fuel for those who were stranded.

One piece of good news for the rally caravan on Sunday was the discovery safe and sound of the medical assistance car, missing since Thursday after failing to find the finish to the stage at the The Lost Tree of The Tenere.

Peugeot, who this year have forsaken world championship car rallying after two consecutive world titles, continued to dominate the event. Their works cars took the first three places in yesterday's 10th stage, the fastest being five-times Safari Rally winner Shekhar Mehta and fellow Kenyan navigator, Mike Doughty, who averaged 127kmh across rugged terrain.

They were penalised 49min 15sec for the 358km run, four minutes faster than Andrea Zanussi of Italy and six minutes better than the former world champion and overall leader, Ari Vatanen of Finland.

Japan's Kenjiro Shinozuka, although unable to converse much with French navigator Igor Fenouil, held on to third spot in his Mitsubishi after finishing sixth yesterday.

Gaston Rahier of Belgium, riding a BMW, won the motorcycle section but Cyril Neveu, third yesterday, kept his 30-minute lead over fellow Frenchman Hubert Auriol as he went for his fifth win.

RESULTS: TENTH STAGE: Motorcycles: 1, G Rahier (Bel), BMW, 2hr 49min 52sec; 2, H Auriol (Fr), Cagiva, 2:50:21; 3, C Neveu (Fr), Honda, 2:50:58. Cars: (2hr time limit): 1, S Mehta (Ken), Peugeot 205 T16, 49min 15sec penalties; 2, A Zanussi (It), Peugeot 205 T16, 53:20; 3, A Vatanen (Fin), Peugeot 205 T16, 55:32. GB placing: 5, A Cowan, Mitsubishi, 1:02:27. OVERALL STANDINGS: Cars/lorries: 1, A Vatanen (Fin), Peugeot 205 turbo, 12:19:47; 2, P Zaniroli (Fr), Range Rover, at 2:36:02; 3, K Shinozuka (Jap), Mitsubishi, at 2:38:51; 4, H Rigal (Fr), Mitsubishi, at 4:06:02; 5, S Mehta (Ken), at 4:22:32. GB placing: 8, A Cowan, Mitsubishi, at 7:03:18. Motorcycles: 1, C Neveu (Fr), Honda, 39:29:15; 2, H Auriol (Fr), Cagiva, at 30:44; 3, G Rahier (Bel), BMW, at 45:51.

SWIMMING

England call up pair from Beckenham

Mike Fibbens and David Stacey, the Beckenham Swimming Club pair, and Duncan Rolley, from the University of Swansea, are to represent England's Yorkshire Bank squad in a week-long European tour.

The trio, who today return from a 10-day training camp with the Great Britain squad in Florida, will compete in the Coca Cola meeting in Paris from January 30 to February 1, the Knok meet in Berlin on February 3 and 4, and at the Arena Festival in Bonn on February 6 and 8.

Fibbens, aged 18, from Hertfordshire, set a new British 100 metres butterfly short course record of 54.77 seconds at Leicester in November. At the same meeting, Stacey lowered the 1500 metres freestyle record to 15 mins 9.86 seconds, although Stacey's time was subsequently beaten by Tony Day, from Wales, last month.

Further delay

Shrewsbury Town's FA Cup tie against Hull City, rescheduled for tonight, has been postponed again until tomorrow following an inspection yesterday morning.

HOCKEY

Midlands pair give show of new strength

By Sydney Friskin

Pickwick and Harborne, two teams from the Midlands, where indoor hockey is rapidly being developed, reached the quarter-finals of the Royal Bank National Club Championship from the qualifying rounds played at various centres on Sunday.

At Worcester, Pickwick won all three matches in Pool Eight. Their top scorer was Bippin Patel, with 10 goals, but the magic was provided by Ravinder Bharj.

Harborne qualified at Swindon from Pool Five with a better goal-difference than Teddington, with whom they drew 5-5. They also beat Southgate 11-4.

Slough, winners of the title on four previous occasions, were also at Swindon, where, in Pool Six, they qualified unbeaten. St Albans, who beat Teddington in the 1984/85 final, struggled initially at Maidenhead in Pool Three, but came through safely after defeating West Herts 11-3, and Tulse Hill, the champions, had no difficulties in Pool Two at Bradford.

The eight qualifiers: Firebrands, Tulse Hill, St Albans, Fareham, Harborne, Slough, East Grinstead, and Pickwick. The draw for the quarter-finals, to be played at Crystal Palace on February 27, will be made on Thursday.

TABLE TENNIS

Easy England win in prospect

England will be unchanged for their fourth match this season in the European league against Finland at Norwich tomorrow. And, led by newly crowned European Top 12 winner, Desmond Douglas, England should easily keep their 100 per cent record and underline their bid for promotion to the premier division next season.

Finland are a mid-table first division side with two wins from four matches but Donald Parker, the England captain, is so confident of victory that he has not called up Alan Cooke and Carl Prean, the second and third ranked players.

Both are heavily committed to league fixtures on the Continent and the second singles spot will again be filled by Skylet Andrew, of Essex.

TEAMS: Men: D Douglas (Warwicks), S Andrew (Essex). Women: L Bellinger (Beds), F Elliott (Staffs).

TODAY'S FIXTURES

7.30 unless stated

FOOTBALL

FA Cup
Third round replays
Cardiff City v Millwall (7.45)
Huddersfield Tn v Norwich City

POSTPONED

FA Cup: Third round: Shrewsbury v Hull City. Third round replays: Barnsley v Caernarfon; Chelsea v Aston Villa; Plymouth v Bristol City; Stoke v Grimsby; West Ham v Orient.

Third division: Carlisle v Chester; Fulham v Rotherham Utd.

Freight Rover Trophy: Preliminary round: Tranmere v Wigan.

Scottish League: All matches postponed.

CENTRAL LEAGUE: First division: Leeds v Manchester City; Manchester United v Newcastle; Middlesbrough v Sheffield United. Postponed: Oldham v Derby; Sheffield Wednesday v Everton; Sunderland v Blackburn. Second division: Preston v Stoke. Postponed: Grimsby v Bolton.

FOOTBALL COMBINATION: Bristol Rovers v Arsenal; Portsmouth v Reading (7.0).

SOUTHERN LEAGUE: Bill Dellow Cup: First round: Trowbridge v Poole. Second round: Redditch v Bromsgrove. Premier division: Aylesbury v Witney.

BERKS AND BUCKS SENIOR CUP: Second round: Wycombe v Windsor and Eton.

VAUXHALL-OPEL LEAGUE: Premier division: Bromley v Croydon; Farnborough v Hendon; Harrow v Tooting and Mitcham; Slough v St Albans; Worthing v Carshalton. First division: Bracknell v Staines; Kingsbury v Finchley; Leatherhead v Leytonstone-Ilford (7.45); Maidenhead United v Walton and Hersham; Tilbury v Lewes. Second division north: Barton v Tring; Cheshunt v Collier Row; Rainham v Wolverton (7.45); Saffron Walden v Letchworth GC. Second division south: Marlow v Dorking; Metropolitan Police v Petersfield; Newbury v Whyteleafe (7.45).

SUSSEX COUNTY LEAGUE: First division: Shoreham v Arundel.

KNIGHT FLOODLIT CUP: Barking v Wivenhoe; Harlow v Stevenage; Witham v Braintree.

RUGBY UNION

REPRESENTATIVE MATCH: Plymouth v RAF (7.15).

OTHER SPORT

BASKETBALL: Carlsberg National League: First division men: Sharp Manchester United v Calderdale Explorers (8.0).

BOXING: Oldham Leisure Centre (8.0).

DARTS: Embassy World professional championship (at Frimley Green, 7.0).

HOCKEY: Pizza Express London League: Cheam v Oxford University (2.15).

LACROSSE: Tour match: Cambridge University v Denison University (95).

RACKETS: Amateur singles championship (at Queen's Club, West Kensington).

REAL TENNIS: Henry Leaf Cup (at Queen's Club, West Kensington).

TENNIS

Zivojinovic in subdued mood as the passing of Kooyong is mourned

From Rex Bellamy, Tennis Correspondent, Melbourne

Slobodan Zivojinovic almost took out a lease on the centre court during the first day of the year's first grand slam event, the Australian championships, at Kooyong yesterday. The powerful Yugoslav, 6 ft 3 in tall and more than 14 stone, chose to come from behind before beating a relatively lightweight Australian, Laurie Warder, by 6-7, 3-6, 6-3, 6-4, 6-1.

Zivojinovic reached the semi-finals of the last two grand slam tournaments played on grass: those of Australia and Wimbledon. He is sometimes at the mercy of passing moods and fancies and he had nothing to fear against a neat, composed but harmless player who ranks 281st in the world. For two sets Zivojinovic's commitment to success was fitful, his tennis often lazy. He was too sure of himself to play well.

Warder, too, was in no hurry to win or lose. Ready for a hard day's labour under the sun, he wore a peaked cap and took his time about everything. Often, the match was almost a study in still life. The fourth game of the third set was so freely punctuated by discussions that the tennis began to seem irrelevant. But Zivojinovic broke service in that game — because, at last, he had settled down to work and to win.

They played through burning heat under a sky of pale, unblemished blue. They played through the death of the afternoon, their shadows stretching ever farther across the width of the court. They played through the gloaming and the last joyous chorus of birdsong until the day seemed drained of vitality and the court was all darkening calm and muted echoes.

The championships will never again be played at Kooyong and will never again be played on grass. Zivojinovic and Warder were like mourners at a funeral: too inhibited to make much noise and too respectful to leave in a hurry. The story had been much the same in the preceding match. Scott Davis beat Peter McNamara 7-6, 6-4, 2-6, 3-6, 6-4. McNamara, aged 31, is a Melbourne man and had his chance to play the hero. In the fifth set he led 3-1 and 40-15. But McNamara seldom competes these days. "I'm as fit as the younger fellows but maybe not as match tight," he said later. "When you're up 3-1 in the fifth you should put the guy away. But when you haven't played much, you don't really believe you can do it. I was over-anxious. When you get older, you stry to cut a few corners".

Britain had two winners and a loser. Nick Fulwood probably played himself into the European Cup team by winning 6-3, 6-4, 7-5 against a large Dutchman, Humb van Boeckel. This meant that in three matches here — two in the qualifying competition — Fulwood had not lost a set. At 6 ft 1 in and 11 st 8 lb he is sparely built but eats a lot of pasta to help him endure the rigours of competition.

Fulwood is one of eight British players who have been in Australia since December 20 under the supervision of Roger Taylor. "I started to lose my confidence, being out here," Fulwood said yesterday. "It takes me long time to get used to playing on grass. I'm probably better on hard courts, where I'm not forced to serve and volley. I like people to give me targets". The Dutchman gave him targets — and Fulwood hit them.

Andrew Castle, who lost a 5-set match to Bruce Derlin of New Zealand, took only one game in the last set. Castle said that eventually he faded mentally, then physically — much as he did against Mats Wilander at Wimbledon. Evidently five sets are too much for the raw-boned Castle in his present state of health: but if he cannot win in three or four sets he will have to get used to lasting the full distance. Maybe he needs some pasta.

Sara Gomer, who should have won more easily, exuded neither zest nor confidence in the course of an arduous 4-6, 6-2, 8-6 win over Andrea Betzner of Germany, aged 20. Britain's other contenders, who did not have to play, are Jeremy Bates, Jo Durie, Anne Hobbs and a qualifier, Julie Salmon. Miss Durie and Miss Hobbs are seeded to meet Martina Navratilova and Pam Shriver in a doubles quarter-final.

The more fancied contenders were not summoned to active service yesterday. Miloslav Mecir has just won a tournament in Auckland, where he also bought a new fishing rod — an odd encumbrance for a tennis professional passing through an airport customs barrier. Boris Becker gave a long Press conference, talking freely without saying much. Becker has the makings of a politician.

Like other players Becker has reservations about the decision to install a synthetic surface at the National Tennis Centre now being constructed. Six possible surfaces have been laid locally and players have been asked to test them and say what they think. Whether their responses will carry much weight is a moot point. But the continuing support of the celebrities is essential to the tournament's future status — so they have to be convinced that their opinions count.

Radical departures from tradition always arouse opposition and it will also be sad to leave Kooyong and its white signpost, which points fingers giving the metric distances to Wimbledon, Roland Garros and Flushing Meadow. Other than the vast bowl of the centre court (which is anything but central), the courts lie in a sunken rectangle hemmed in by trees and grassy banks. More distantly, there is a railway on one flank, a road on the other. A narrow medial promenade separates one long stretch of courts from the other.

The setting has a charm enhanced by Kooyong's famous role in the history of tennis. The flies, though, are infamous. Yesterday they were mercifully small and sparse. "This is nothing", said the man from the Sydney Morning Herald. "When it gets humid, the big fellows come in. They lift you off the ground."

Melbourne results

MEN'S SINGLES: First round: P Doohan (Aus) bt D Tyson (Aus) 7-6, 7-6, 6-1; D Saltz (US) bt P Kuhnen (WG) 6-4, 6-3, 6-3; B Dyke (Aus) bt C Miniussi (Arg) 6-2, 6-1, 7-6; C Pistolesi (It) bt M Robertson (SA) 6-7, 2-6, 6-3, 7-6, 9-7; C Van Rensburg (SA) bt L Lavalle (Mex) 6-3, 6-4, 0-6, 6-4; J Carlsson (Swe) bt C Saceanu (WG) 4-6, 7-6 (7-0), 6-3, 7-6; S Davis (US) bt P McNamara (Aus) 7-6, 6-4, 2-6, 3-6, 6-4; S Barr (Aus) bt D Cahill (Aus) 6-3, 6-4, 6-4; T Nelson (US) bt G Connell (Can) 6-4, 6-4, 6-4; M Davis (US) bt C Eagle (Aus) 7-6, 6-4, 7-6; K Evernden (NZ) bt J Carter (US) 7-6, 6-3, 6-4; J Frana (Arg) bt G Michibata (Can) 6-3, 5-7, 6-4, 6-4; N Fulwood (GB) bt H Van Boeckel (Neth) 6-3, 6-4, 7-5; P Carlsson (Swe) bt J Stoltenberg (Aus) 6-3, 1-6, 6-3, 6-2; S Zivojinovic (Yug) bt L Warder (Aus) 6-7, 3-6, 6-3, 6-4, 6-1; B Derlin (NZ) bt A Castle (GB) 6-7, 7-5, 3-6, 7-5, 6-1.

WOMEN'S SINGLES: First round: J Foltz (WG) bt S Walsh-Pete (US) 6-2, 6-4; A Dewnes (Bel) bt K Okamoto (Japan) 6-2, 2-6, 6-4; A Moulton (US) bt C Porwick (WG) 4-6, 6-4, 6-3; Hu Na (US) bt M Jaggard (Aus) 7-6, 2-6, 6-0; C Benjamin (US) bt E Minter (Aus) 0-6, 6-4, 6-4; S Gomer (GB) bt A Betzner (WG) 4-6, 6-2, 8-6; M-C Calleja (Fr) bt Nassiko Yanagi (Japan) 6-3, 2-6, 6-4; P Hy (HK) bt A Minter (Aus) 6-4, 6-4; C Cassingy (Hun) bt Eva Krapal (Switz) 6-3, 6-4; J Richardson (Aus) bt M Turk (Aus) 6-1, 6-3; M Werdel (US) bt P Vasquez (US) 6-4, 6-2; A Henricksson (US) bt R Marsikova (Cz) 6-4, 6-4; L Field (Aus) bt B Gerken (US) 7-6, 1-6, 6-4; R Bryant (Aus) bt L Allen (US) 6-1, 6-3; J Richardson (NZ) bt M Turk (Aus) 6-1, 6-3; E Inoue (Japan) bt D Van Rensburg (SA) 6-3, 7-6 (7-3).

SKIING

Martin Bell finds enough snow behind the Savoy Hotel in London to show his racing crouch

Alpine Bells lift team spirit

By Michael Coleman

The coincidence that the name of Britain's most successful skier matches that of its most successful whisky brand, has not escaped the notice of Guinness, which yesterday begged time off from its bruising encounters in the City to announce a £50,000 sponsorship package for our national Alpine team for the remainder of this year.

Martin Bell, fresh from the slopes of Garmisch-Partenkirchen where a mere two seconds had kept him out of the top four in the Kandahar downhill, appeared at the Savoy to receive the cheque made out to the account of Arthur Bell and Sons, whose main whisky brand is hoping to get the publicity

"Although this sponsorship is coming at a late stage in the season, we will be able to complete our full programme of World Cup races which were looking to be in jeopardy," Bell said. "In particular we can get to the last race of the season at Mount Allen, in Canada, which will be the downhill course at next year's Winter Olympics."

The Bell's Scotch Whisky support comes on top of the £300,000-plus that the Sports Council is giving the British Ski Federation each year for all its disciplines, Alpine, Nordic, and freestyle. It only covers the year 1987, and no commitment is yet being made as to whether it will be extended. As Peter Mitchell, Guinness group brands director, said: "We are just putting our toe in the water."

Whether Guinness eventually take the full plunge will depend on how Bell (Martin) and Co, and the women, led by Lesley Beck, perform from now on. But Tom Fitzpatrick, chairman of the British Ski Federation, has set his sights on a six-figure sponsorship next time, spread over a period of, perhaps, three years.

"What I don't want is stop, start, then stop again" he said "As a businessman (he runs CPU Computers) I know that long-term planning is crucial. Just think of all the Scottish kids there are now who want to be Martin Bells! We have to provide for them."

Sitting next to him was Miss Beck, who herself began as a child on a 50-metres plastic slope in a Glasgow suburb. "Until I met real snow, I honestly thought it was the real thing" she told me. Since then she has progressed to being a fine slalom racer.

Fitzpatrick disclosed that the Sports Council is sympathetic to the idea of setting up a high-altitude sports centre in the Alps where British skiers, and other sportsmen and women too, could train winter and summer. "I have in mind the village of Hinter Tux in Austria which is keen on the idea" he said. It had the advantage of summer snow up on a glacier. A pilot scheme on these lines might be attempted later in the year.

As to the involvement of a drinks company with an outdoor sport such as skiing, the BSF chairman was naturally guarded in his comment. "Admittedly, our teams are all non-alcoholic, but drinks are a fact of life. In any case, the sport is in a situation where we have to depend on all the funds we can get."

Guinness became aware of skiing's plight after the British Ski Federation handed over their publicity to Business Image, who handle the CPU Computer account, and operation SOS — Sponsoring Opportunities in Skiers — was launched in November. The deal with Guinness was concluded on December 27.

RUGBY LEAGUE

Oxley in outburst at 'appalling' coverage by BBC

By Keith Macklin

The festering resentment felt by the Rugby League over the coverage of the game by BBC Television burst into the open yesterday when the league's secretary-general, David Oxley, accused BBC TV of "appalling editorial judgement, rank incompetence and stupefying lack of professionalism".

The attack concerns Saturday's *Grandstand* coverage of the John Player Special Trophy final, Warrington v Wigan, at Bolton, a match which had been given major-event billing in television programme schedules. A BBC spokesman defended the Corporation's position of having to "serve all sports", and said that the League's complaint was "surprising".

The league has long felt that the BBC takes a much more cavalier attitude to rugby league than it does to rugby union, football, boxing and other major sports, and league officials and supporters were explosively angry at aspects of Saturday's coverage.

A fuming David Oxley cited three specific areas of the outside broadcast from Burnden Park. He said that the league had arranged for Malcolm Reilly, the new Great Britain coach, to take part in a preview of the match, and Reilly arrived at the ground early, only to find that the preview was not used.

In the second half of the game, television coverage only began six minutes after the kick off, despite the fact that full coverage of the game had been promised. Third, the presentation of the John Player Special Trophy to the winners, Wigan, was not shown.

In a statement published yesterday, Mr Oxley said: "Once again, *Grandstand* has treated a major rugby league occasion, the programme's main event of the day, with apparent contempt, and we are demanding a meeting at the highest possible level at which we shall require convincing answers to straight questions about what, at this stage, we consider to have been appalling editorial judgement, rank incompetence and stupefying lack of professionalism".

Although there has been an uneasy peace for several years between the Rugby League and the BBC, with the league happy to grant exclusive rights in return for handsome fees and promotional spin-offs, the actual coverage of matches has been a bone of contention on many occasions.

The league has not liked the truncating of games to a series of scoring highlights, and has often felt that rugby league coverage has been pushed around the schedules, and often interrupted, to fit in latest football scores, racing results and other snippets.

A BBC spokesman said: "We are disappointed that the Rugby League chose to criticize us through the media. On Saturday it was a heavy afternoon of sport, including the third round of the FA Cup, Test cricket, squash, racing and other sports, with the weather affecting so much domestic sport. The tone of the league's complaint is surprising, given the fact that *Grandstand* has to serve all sports. We only received one telephone call from a viewer containing a complaint."

BOBSLEIGHING

Olympics lure regal aspirations

From Chris Moore
St Moritz

Britain's bobsleigh team are once again rubbing shoulders with royalty. Prince Michael of Kent used to bob for Britain, and until two years ago was president of the British Bobsleigh Association, having also managed the British team.

Now Prince Albert of Monaco has taken up the sport with the intention of representing the Principality at the 1988 Winter Olympics in Calgary.

The 28-year-old son of Prince Reiner and the late Princess Grace has taken it upon himself to launch the Monaco Bobsleigh Association, of which he will be president. His brother-in-law, Stefano Castraghi, the husband of Princess Caroline, will be vice-president.

An active, all-round sportsman, Prince Albert is also president of the Monaco International Olympic Committee and a member of the IOC. He is currently here in St Moritz with his brakeman, Gerard Giblim, watching the world championships, where the sport's governing body, the Federation of International Bobsleigh and Tobogganing, officially welcomed Monaco into their fold over the weekend.

They become the 31st member nation of the FIBT, and the eighth in the last eight years, since a Commission of Solidarity was set up to secure the sport's Olympic status, which requires at least 22 competing nations.

Prince Albert revealed to *The Times* that he has now had over 50 training runs as a driver after attending the FIBT bob-schools at St Moritz last February, and at Igls in November. But it was only last week in Igls that he had his first crash. "It wasn't too bad but I'm still feeling the effects," he said.

"I find the sport an exhilarating experience, which demands a higher-than-normal degree of concentration. I can't say how much time I will be able to devote to bobbing because of my other commitments. But I intend to take my involvement seriously.

"I will probably get in some more practice next month and am thinking in terms of racing competitively for the first time in next season's Veltins Cup in Winterberg in November. Whether I go to the Olympic Games will depend on how well I progress from there. But I'd certainly like to."

BASKETBALL

Kingston on course for title

By Nicholas Harling

The Carlsberg National League title looks more than ever destined to return to Polycell Kingston. The champions two years ago, Kingston recorded their fifteenth successive league win, at HomeSpare Bolton on Saturday, with an ease that hardly augered well for the chances of their two main contenders, BCP London and HFS Portsmouth.

Five players collected 18 points or more in Kingston's 113-90 success and such was their domination that the first division leaders were able to use all 10 players, none of whom came close, however, to disputing the honour of being the game's top scorer, which fell to Crosby with 36 points for Bolton.

Kingston's victory was no surprise but Portsmouth's 86-74 defeat at Leicester was a lapse they could ill-afford. With only one previous defeat to their name, against Kingston in October, Portsmouth were banking on reversing that result at Tolworth next month to maintain their challenge. Now the matter has been taken out of their hands. "Unfortunately we have now got to depend on someone else helping out by beating Kingston," Dan Lloyd, the Portsmouth coach, admitted yesterday. "Otherwise the best we can hope for is second place, which although better than last year, is not what I wanted."

Laurence Held, Portsmouth's new 25-year-old American, who was ineligible because he had not signed in time, watched the game in which Colin Irish sank only one basket from 13 attempts for the visitors, who also squandered a 12-point lead. "You could put it down to a bad shooting night. No one shot that well," said Lloyd.

Of even greater concern to Lloyd is that his team were outrebounded by one of the smallest squads in the first division. "That shouldn't happen, it was a dreadful effort, our worst performance of the season," he added.

BCP did not play, but their game at Portsmouth tomorrow week may determine which of the contenders retains a realistic chance of catching Kingston. Sharp Manchester United are probably out of the running, but on the evidence of their 95-92 victory in a lively encounter against Happy Eater Bracknell, last season's champions may yet make a decisive impact on the play-offs, now that Will Brown, who sank 29 points, is back to something approaching his best form.

VOLLEYBALL

Polonia's chance slips away

By Roddy Mackenzie

Polonia, the English men's champions, saw their chances of retaining their title fade and all but disappear at the weekend after a traumatic start to 1987. Not only did they slump to their third league defeat when theirLondon rivals, Malory, overcame them 3-2 on Saturday but Polonia also find themselves in trouble with the English Volleyball Association following Sunday's home fixture against Portsmouth Heatseal, which did not take place.

There was a mix-up over the time for the match and Sandy Dewar, the Royal Bank English league secretary, said yesterday: "We've still got to gather all the information about the matter but it could mean Polonia having two points deducted." Malory have become Polonia's "bogey" team this far, having beaten them twice in the league, once in the National Knock-Out Cup and once in a pre-season tournament.

Polonia's troubles have not been helped as earlier this month, Eddie Len, their coach, announced that he was giving up taking charge of the team for personal reasons. Wojtek Konieczny and Julian Banasiewcz, two of the first team players, shared the coaching duties last weekend. Speedwell Rucanor now look set to take their first title in four years and consolidated their position at the top of the men's first division by beating Poole 3-1 and Liverpool City 3-2 at the weekend.

However Steve Nuth, coach to the Avon side, indicated after Sunday's win over Liverpool that it was too early to set the champagne corks popping. "The league is not settled yet and it will be a few weeks before we can be sure of anything," said Nuth. The Speedwell coach looks forward with some apprehension to this weekend's Knock Out Cup semi-final against Malory. "This should have been the final but the draw did not work out that way and it will be a very difficult match for us," assessed Nuth.

This weekend also sees a top-of-the-table clash in the women's first division with Sale facing Ashcombe on Saturday. Both sides have yet to lose in the league.

In Scotland, the Royal Bank Scottish leagues restarted after the winter break with a shock result in the first division of the women's league. Glasgow Bannerman, promoted to the top flight at the end of last season, notched up a fine 3-2 win over title challengers. Finnies Sport.

SQUASH RACKETS

Purists unhappy with TV offering

By Colin McQuillan

The latest in a lengthening list of attempts to convert squash for television consumption arrived rather unexpectedly at Aberdeen last weekend in the shape of the Globespan Telesquash International tournament. Bryan Beeson, the new national champion, lifted a £3,050 winner's purse from under the noses of a notable world-class eight-man field, but other beneficiaries from the experiment may take longer to emerge.

Telesquash is the "invention" of Dr Eric Farr, an agriculturist at Aberdeen University, and Ian Gray, golf professional turned assistant building society manager. Actually it is more a hybrid development of the traditional softball game, converted to American scoring and abruptly shorn of its evolved rhythms by the introduction of electronic buzzers which stop rallies after 15 strokes.

It is not unusual in normal squash for rallies to last up to 100 strokes, creating tension and physical stress for participants but sometimes near amnesia for uninformed spectators.

To purists who value the traditional combination of chess-like manoeuvring with marathon stamina, lightning reflexes and murderous killer instinct, Telesquash will be anathema. But there were indications on the court of the Skean Dhu Hotel in Aberdeen and in the special BBC live coverage in Saturday's Grandstand that Messrs Farr and Gray may have taken squash closer than ever before to a long-awaited break through.

The electronic eye demands colour, simplicity and, above all, constant incident. Telesquash appears to have the potential for all of that, although perhaps at the cost of much that makes the game a great private involvement.

With a warning buzzer after eight strokes in each rally, a discordant electronic forfeit klaxon after 15 strokes, a superimposed televised stroke counter and an alarming imperative for one player to snatch ever more desperately at a victory in each rally, the small screen is filled with information and the court with mounting panic.

The "inventors" admit the game is still to be perfected. Certainly they seem to have ignored the natural winning psychology which accompanies service in squash, deciding negatively to award points from unfinished rallies to the receiver.

Some squash players will never prosper at this new game. Ross Norman, the world champion, crashed out of the first round in Aberdeen, totally unable to adjust his error-free percentage game to the risky demands of producing at least one attempted winning shot in every seven or eight strokes.

ICE HOCKEY

Dundee Rockets pull Panthers down a peg

By Norman de Mesquita

This season, Nottingham Panthers have replaced Durham Wasps as the best team in England and, when they beat Fife Flyers in the final of the Norwich Union Cup, they could be excused for thinking that they were more than a match for the best in Scotland.

Weekend events, however, made it clear that the balance of power remains north of the Border. Panthers conceded 26 goals in defeats at Dundee and Ayr, the Rockets running up a club record 19 in Saturday's game. It was based on a 10-goal second period and 12 points from Fafard, their most recent Canadian recruit.

Six more points from Fafard helped Rockets to another double-figure win on Sunday, against Cleveland Bombers, while Moria, another recently recruited Canadian, totalled 13 points in Fife Flyers' wins at Cleveland and Whitley Bay.

As if Murrayfield Racers were not scoring enough goals, Jeffrey, their signing from Fife, had a 16-point weekend as Racers maintained their grip on top place with wins at Ayr and at home to Durham.

A combination of fine goaltending by Brine and Solihull hitting the post three times in the final period, helped Streatham Redskins to an important win and the Barons to fight out the relegation battle with Cleveland.

Peterborough Pirates remain the only 100 per cent team in the two divisions and their three imports combined for 13 goals and 21 assists in yet another easy win, at Oxford. Pirates led 3-0 after only 68 seconds.

But pride of place in division one must go to two goaltenders, Clifford and Wood. In a high-scoring league, it is rare for a team to hold the opposition scoreless and it is every goaltender's dream to register a shut-out. Clifford did so for Richmond Flyers at home to Oxford and Wood for Medway Bears at Sunderland.

RESULTS: Heineken League: Premier Division: Ayr Bruins 4, Murrayfield Racers 19; Cleveland Bombers 6, Fife Flyers 8; Dundee Rockets 19, Nottingham Panthers 5; Durham Wasps 15, Streatham Redskins 6; Ayr Bruins 7, Nottingham Panthers 2; Dundee Rockets 12, Cleveland Bombers 8; Murrayfield Racers 11, Durham Wasps 4; Solihull Barons 5, Streatham Redskins 6; Whitley Warriors 4, Fife Flyers 8. First division: Blackpool Seagulls 16, Sunderland Chiefs 11; Glasgow Eagles 8, Southampton Vikings 7; Kirkcaldie Kestrels 2, Medway Bears 15; Oxford City Stars 3, Peterborough Pirates 15; Swindon Wildcats 8, Lee Valley Lions 5; Telford Tigers 32, Irvine Wings 2; Lee Valley Lions 8, Trafford Metros 12; Oxford City Stars 8, Blackpool Seagulls 9; Richmond Flyers 3, Swindon Wildcats 0; Sunderland Chiefs 0, Medward Bears 11.

OVERSEAS FOOTBALL

Madrid close on Barcelona

By Simon O'Hagan

Real Madrid chose a good day to produce their best performance of the season, their 3-0 win over Real Betis on Sunday coinciding with a disappointing display by Barcelona and reducing the gap between them at the top of the Spanish League to two points.

Butragueno, reproducing his World Cup form, scored two outstanding goals for Madrid, the first after beating four Betis defenders, the second with a long-range shot following a pass from the Argentinian, Valdano. Gordillo, with his first goal of the season, had earlier put Real ahead following a corner.

Barcelona, meanwhile, could manage only a 0-0 draw at Seville. The Pizjuan stadium, where Seville play, is not exactly Barcelona's favourite place — not only have they not won there in the League for 10 years, but it was also the scene of their disastrous European Cup final defeat by Steaua Bucharest last May.

Enjoying a remarkably good season are Barcelona's neighbours, Español, who lie third — only a point behind Real Madrid — after their 2-0 win over Real Zaragoza. Both their goals came from Pichi Alonso, who was playing for Barcelona last season and scoring three times in their European Cup semi-final against Göteborg. Fourth are Athletic Bilbao, who had a 4-1 win over Michael Robinson's new club, Osasuna.

Napoli returned to the top of the Italian League, beating Ascoli 3-0, while Inter-Milan, the team they replaced, lost 2-1 at Verona. With Maradona leading the Napoli forwards brilliantly, the Ascoli defence was under siege for almost the entire match. However, it took almost an hour for the first goal to arrive, scored by Muro. Romano made it 2-0 nine minutes later, the third goal coming from Bagni in the last minute.

Doubtless, the result left Maradona in a rather more benign mood than he had been the previous week when his criticisms of the referee following Napoli's defeat at Fiorentina landed him trouble with the disciplinary commission of the Italian football federation. Under Italian rules, public criticism of referees is not allowed.

Maradona's case, along with that of the Napoli president, who also complained about the refereeing, will be heard this week. Meanwhile, the commission have halved the two-match ban originally imposed on Passarella, the Inter defender, following his dismissal against Atalanta nine days ago. Having missed Sunday's match, he will be allowed to return next week against Empoli.

Passarella's absence put Inter at a psychological disadvantage against Verona, though they seemed to have overcome it when Altobelli, who is having a prolific season in front of goal, converted a cross from Rummenigge. However, two goals from the Dane, Preben Elkjaer, the second only two minutes from then end, gave Verona victory. Juventus struggled again, drawing 0-0 at Brescia, while Roma beat Avellino 3-0.

RESULTS

ITALIAN: Brescia 0, Juventus 0; Empoli 0, Como 0; AC Milan 0, Udinese 0; Napoli 3, Ascoli 0; Roma 3, Avellino 0; Torino 2, Sampdoria 0; Verona 2, Inter Milan 1. Leading positions: 1, Napoli, played 15, 22 points; 2, Inter-Milan, 15, 20; 3, AC Milan, 15, 19.

LEAGUE OF IRELAND: Athlone Town 0, Waterford United 0; Bohemians 0, St Patricks Athletic 1; Cork City 0, Bray Wanderers 1; Home Farm 1, Galway United 3; Limerick City 0, Shamrock Rovers 3; Sligo Rovers 1, Dundalk 3. Leading positions: 1, Shamrock Rovers played 13, 23 points; 2, Waterford United 13, 19; 3, Dundalk 13, 18.

PORTUGUESE: Varzim 0, Benfica 0; Boavista 0, Farense 0; FC Porto 2, Vitoria Guimaraes 2; Sporting Lisbon 0, Rio Ave 0; Sporting Braga 2, Desportivo Chaves 1; Belenenses 0, Salgueiros Porto 0; Portimonense 0, Academica Coimbra 0; Maritimo Funchal 5, Elvas 1. Leading positions: 1, Benfica, played 17, 28 points; 2, Guimares, 17, 27; 3, FC Porto, 17, 26.

SPANISH: Cadiz 1, Mallorca 0; Sabadell 1, Santander 1; Seville 0, Barcelona 0; Athletic Bilbao 4, Osasuna 1; Valladolid 1, Real Sociedad 0; Real Madrid 3, Betis Seville 0; Español 2, Zaragoza 0; Murcia 2, Sporting Gijon 0; Las Palmas 2, Atletico Madrid 1. Leading positions: 1, Barcelona, played 22, 33 points; 2, Real Madrid, 22, 31; 3, Español, 22, 30.

BADMINTON

National revival grows

By Richard Eaton

One of the great resurrections will continue later this month when the England national championships, with a sponsorship from Carlsberg, an hour's television, and, according to yesterday's announcement, most of the leading players, begin again at Crawley.

The championships suffered a devastating boycott in 1985 and were threatened with another last year. Neither the dates nor the rewards were what the hard-worked full-time professionals wanted, and it seemed the event was heading into the category of an outdated anachronism.

Instead, a prize fund of £5,000 and last-moment deals with Carlsberg and Channel 4 attracted the players back, and after a thrilling contest, Darren Hall took the title 18-17 in the final game against Steve Butler.

As a result, this year's final could be a showdown. Hall feels he was not given full credit for his outstanding performance because the previous holder, Steve Baddeley, was said to be still jet-lagged after travelling from the Far East. "I opened my mouth last year so now I have got to do something about it," Hall said.

This time, the Japan Open ends six days before the nationals begin, so Baddeley can have no complaints about lack of freshness. The perfect promotion would therefore be a final between Hall and Baddeley, who has since become the Commonwealth champion. The other man who would have had a major chance of winning the title, England's No. 2, Nick Yates, has decided not to play, while Butler is injured.

All the best women's singles players are taking part, which means that the sport's latest MBE, Helen Troke, will defend her title against the challenge of Fiona Elliott, twice a former winner.

Also playing is the former world No. 1, Gillian Gilks, who has 26 national titles to her credit and who, at the age of 36, is having another crack at the mixed doubles.

POOLS FORECAST by Paul Newman

Saturday January 17 unless stated

FIRST DIVISION

1 A Villa v Wimbledon
2 Charlton v Notm F
1 Chelsea v Oxford
1 Everton v Sheffield W
2 Leicester v Norwich
2 Man C v Liverpool
2 Newcastle v Tottnhm
X Shampton v Luton
1 Watford v QPR

Not on coupons: West Ham v Manchester United; Arsenal v Coventry (Sunday).

SECOND DIVISION

1 Barnsley v Shrewsbry
2 Blackburn v Grimsby
X Bradford v Millwall
X Brighton v Plymouth
X Huddersfld v Brighton
2 Hull v Sunderland
1 Ipswich v WBA
X Reading v Leeds
X Sheff U v C Palace
1 Stoke v Oldham

Not on coupons: Derby v Portsmouth

THIRD DIVISION

1 Blackpool v Fulham
X Bolton v Bristol R
X Brentford v Doncaster
X Bristol C v Gillingham
1 Chester v Bury
1 Mansfield v Darlington
X Notts Co v Swindon
1 Rotherham v Port Vale
1 Walsall v Chesterfld
1 York v Carlisle

Not on coupons: Middlesbrough v Wigan; Newport v Bournemouth (Sunday)

FOURTH DIVISION

1 Exeter v Colchester
2 Hartlepool v Southend
1 Hereford v Crewe
1 Lincoln v Wrexham
1 Peterboro v Orient
X Rochdale v Cardiff
2 Torquay v Nthampton
2 Wolves v Aldershot

Not on coupons: Halifax v Cambridge United; Scunthorpe v Burnley (Friday); Swansea v Preston (Friday); Tranmere v Stockport (Friday)

SOUTHERN LEAGUE PREMIER DIVISION

X Camb C v Dartford
1 Corby v Basingstoke
2 Fareham v Aylesbury
1 Fisher v Willenhall
X Folkestone v Redditch
1 Gosport v Crawley

SCOTTISH PREMIER

1 Celtic v Hibernian
2 Clydebank v Aberdeen
2 Dundee v Rangers
2 Hamilton v Dundee U
1 Hearts v Motherwell
1 St Mirren v Falkirk

SCOTTISH FIRST

2 Clyde v Airdrie
1 Dunfermline v Partick
1 E Fife v Brechin
1 Kilmarnock v Dumbrtn
2 Montrose v Forfar
1 Morton v Q of Sth

SCOTTISH SECOND

V Albion v Mdwbnk
2 Arbroath v Cowdenbth
V Berwick v Raith

SCOTTISH FA CUP SECOND ROUND

Not on coupons: Albion v Whitehill; Caledonian v Spartans; Raith v Vale of Leithen; St Johnstone v Queen's Park; Stenhousemuir v Berwick; Stirling v Meadowbank; Stranraer v Ayr (replay)

TREBLE CHANCE (home teams): Southampton, Bradford, Brighton, Huddersfield, Sheffield United, Reading, Bolton, Brentford, Bristol City, Notts County, Rochdale, Folkestone.

BEST DRAWS: Bradford, Brighton, Bolton, Bristol City, Notts County.

AWAYS: Liverpool, Northampton, Aylesbury, Aberdeen, Dundee United.

HOMES: Everton, Blackpool, Mansfield, Walsall, York, Hereford, Fisher, Celtic, Hearts, Dunfermline, East Fife, Morton.

FIXED ODDS: Homes: Mansfield, Walsall, York, Hereford, Celtic. Aways: Northampton, Aberdeen, Dundee United. Draws: Brighton, Bolton, Bristol City.

FOOTBALL

FA Cup draw gives the smaller clubs few giant-killing favours

By Clive White

Second division clubs were poorly rewarded yesterday in the FA Cup fourth round draw after going into the hat in greater number than even the first division. Only two of the 17 second division sides left in the competition will play at home on January 31 and February 1, while half the 16 first division clubs were given home draws.

It was a largely uninspiring draw apart from the potential fun of Merseyside clubs playing on the plastic pitches they love to hate. With the exception of Everton most of the big clubs received home draws, and none too awkward ones at that. Arsenal, joint favourites with Everton with most leading bookmakers, Tottenham Hotspur and West Ham United (who must still halt Orient at Upton Park) receive teams from lower divisions while Liverpool, the holders, or Luton Town are home to Queen's Park Rangers, and Manchester United at home to Coventry City.

The draw was most unkind to Caernarfon, the only non-League side left. Their carrot for pulling off a minor miracle at Barnsley is an away tie with Aldershot, the third round's most ruthless giant-killers. But at least two thirds of the teams from the League's bottom two divisions have the opportunity of making further progress, if not necessarily much money, with home ties.

Terry Yorath's Swansea City, who knocked out West Bromwich Albion, can dream on about bigger rewards if they overcome Shrewsbury Town, their old Welsh Cup adversaries, or Hull City at the Vetch Field. While Chester will not be too dissatisfied if their journey ends at Hillsborough or the Baseball Ground.

Swindon Town drew the English game's least wanted visitors in Leeds United, but bid them a hearty welcome. Lou Macari, the Swindon manager, said: "We don't mind Leeds fans coming here. In fact we want them and I'd welcome as many as possible at the match." The views of local residents and shopkeepers may differ.

Macari was confident that the Wiltshire police can successfully handle what the West Mercia police refused to touch — a tie involving Leeds. The Yorkshire club can expect another Sunday outing. "We prefer Sunday football at Swindon. The supporters like it and it suits the police for this match. They were at the ground today when the draw was made and they are capable of doing the job."

The Football Association announced yesterday that they would foot most of the bill for policing Telford United's tie against Leeds at the Hawthorns last Sunday. It was feared that Telford or local residents would have to meet the cost of extra policing, but Bert Millichip, the FA chairman, said: "What would normally be the cost for a game will go against the match receipts, anything over and above will be paid by the FA." The recent league game between West Bromwich Albion and Leeds will be determine what is "normal."

Millichip scoffed at the suggestion that non-League teams should be barred from the competition, but warned that their grounds must meet the required criteria when they met League teams.

Swindon versus Leeds is one of only four ties uncomplicated by replays or postponenments with 14 ties yet to be finished after the weekend. Manchester United, at least, know what the immediate future holds for them and, if omens are to be trusted, it also tells about their long-term future. United have met Coventry twice in the competition since the War and on each occasion went on to win the Cup. This tie is favoured to be staged on the Sunday for television, but the FA will not make any annoucement in this regard until Thursday.

Arsenal, five-time winners and League leaders, may consider they are in no need of help from lucky signs, but they were still blessed by drawing either Plymouth Argyle, managed by Dave Smith, their former reserve team manager, or Bristol City at Highbury. A more closely-run, not to mention more physically well-matched affair, is likely to be that between Wimbledon and Portsmouth, the second division leaders. Just to add more spice to the occasion, *Wimbledon pipped Portsmouth* for promotion last season.

Another of the more intriguing ties is that between neighbours Walsall, the conquerors of Charlton Athletic, and Birmingham City, whose chairman, Ken Wheldon, used to have control of the third division club. The capital could have another derby in addition to Tottenham and Crystal Palace. If Chelsea beat Aston Villa in a replay they will meet Watford at Vicarage Road.

Fourth round draw

Aldershot v Caernarfon or Barnsley
Arsenal v Bristol City or Plymouth
Chester v Sheffield Wednesday or Derby
Grimsby or Stoke v Millwall or Cardiff
Luton or Liverpool v Queen's Park Rangers
Manchester United v Coventry
Newcastle or Northampton v Preston
Oldham or Bradford v Everton
Orient or West Ham v Sheffield United or Brighton
Swansea v Shrewsbury or Hull
Swindon v Leeds
Tottenham v Crystal Palace
Wigan or Gillingham v Norwich or Huddersfield
Walsall v Birmingham
Watford v Aston Villa or Chelsea
Wimbledon v Portsmouth
● Ties to be played January 31.

Smith put up for sale

Leicester City are ready to listen to offers for their star forward, Alan Smith. With the club out of the FA Cup, their manager Bryan Hamilton admitted yesterday that it will become increasingly difficult to keep Smith and that it might be better to sell him now than at the end of the season.

Smith, scorer of 13 goals this season, is under contract to Leicester until the end of the season, and says he would be happy to stay and join in their fight for first division survival. But Hamilton may prefer to sell his 24-year-old asset now than at the end of the season when Leicester would probably be at the mercy of a tribunal determining the fee.

Micky Adams, Coventry City's midfield player, is up for sale at his own request. The 25-year-old Sheffield-born player, *who joined the club from* Gillingham for £75,000 in July 1983, but is currently out of the side, wants a new challenge.

Coventry have agreed to pay around £25,000 for the 25-year-old Chester left back, Martin Lane.

Aberdeen to go out live

The Scottish Cup third round tie between Aberdeen and Celtic will be shown live on television in Scotland on February 1.

THIRD ROUND DRAW: Queen of the South v Raith or Vale of Leithen; Montrose v Forfar; Hibernian v Dunfermline; Peterhead v Clyde; Stirling Albion or Meadowbank v Stranraer or Ayr; Motherwell v Partick Thistle; Dundee Utd v Airdrie; Rangers v Hamilton; Hearts v Kilmarnock; Brechin v Dumbarton; Falkirk v Clydebank; Dundee v East Fife; Stenhousemuir or Berwick v Morton; St Mirren v Inverness Caledonian or Spartans; St Johnstone or Queens Park v Albion Rovers or Whitehill Welfare; Aberdeen v Celtic.

Ringland: A jewel in the Irish crown who will win his 23rd cap for Ireland against Wales

RUGBY UNION

Ringland's flying is conserved for Ireland's wing

Trevor Maxwell Ringland, the jewel in the Irish crown, wins his 23rd cap against Wales in Cardiff on Saturday week and all of Ireland will remain evergrateful that the talented right wing, after a lot of heart searching, finally opted for rugby instead of devoting his leisure hours while at university to flying.

Ringland had joined the air squadron when he went up to Queen's University, Belfast from Larne Grammar School, and was within a few hours of his first solo flight when he had to make up his mind between rugby and flying. "I was studying law," he said, "and I simply could not afford the time to concentrate on flying and put in *the amount of training* necessary to keep my place in a very good Queen's University First XV. Something had to go and in the end I opted for rugby, but it was not an easy decision and one that slightly surprised my father."

"But I told him at the time that I could still learn to fly when I was his age but I wouldn't be able to play rugby. He accepted that, a little reluctantly I think, particularly the age bit, but he has been a tremendous help to me in my rugby career. My father has never hesitated to criticize my play but he has always been constructive and on the occasions he told me I had played a lot of rubbish, I knew myself I had turned in a below par performance."

Ringland's below par performances since he won his first cap against Australia in 1981 have been few. He is a tremendous competitor who has never stopped improving.

An uncomplicated approach to game

The colour of the jersey he is wearing, or the level at which he is playing has no restriction on his enthusiasm and determination to play well. His club, province and country have all benefited from Ringland's uncomplicated approach to the playing of a game that has seen him develop from a very good player, to a wing in world class.

There are those who will argue that Ringland lacks sufficient pace to be thought of in that way. Balderdash! He packs a solid 14 stone into his 6ft 1in frame and, if he doesn't appear to cover the ground at the speed of a Keith Crossan or Rory Underwood, it is more an optical illusion than fact. His physique will always tend to make him appear devoid of the sheer speed of smaller men, and if he is rarely caught from behind, the many an opponent has been caught when he has attempted to go round Ringland on the outside.

His worth to Ireland is summed up aptly by his international and Ulster colleague, Willie Anderson. "We all know we only have to get the ball to Ringers inside the 22 and it is a near-certain try. There is not a wing anywhere who can ride a tackle like Trevor and when he gets the try line in his sights it's like trying to take on a runaway bus," was Anderson's comment.

Ringland has missed only one international for which caps have been awarded since his debut. An injured hand prevented his being selected against Scotland in Dublin when Ireland clinched the triple crown in 1982, and he did not play last season against Fiji for the same reason. In the summer of 1985 he toured Japan with Ireland, scoring six tries, which is a record for an Irish touring side. He went to New Zealand with the British Lions in 1983, where he played in one Test, and at the end of the tour had five tries to his credit.

World Cup will be new experience

One more tour with the Lions is Ringland's greatest ambition. "I would dearly love to be selected. It was a big disappointment for me that a substitute tour could not be arranged last year when the trip to South Africa fell through. The World Cup later this year will be a new experience, but it is no substitute for a Lions' tour," Ringland said.

Ringland has scored seven tries in his international career to date. "I didn't get on a score sheet recently against Romania *but I felt*," he said with a wry grin, "that Crossan (he scored three tries) was causing them enough problems without me adding to them."

His tip for the future: "Keep an eye on my younger brother Jonathan. He is only 18 and at the moment is playing club rugby with Larne as a wing forward. He is a much better ball player than I will ever be and has certainly more potential than I had at that age."

A solicitor in Belfast and recently married, Trevor Maxwell Ringland's exploits this season will almost certainly give the Irish something to cheer about and while he holds Welsh rugby in high regard, and acknowledges that Cardiff Arms Park is an intimidating arena for visiting sides, he says with a quiet confidence: "We are in with a shout; we have a settled side and we have put in a lot of hard work in preparation for this match. Only a fool would write us off."

Andrew to call the new English tune

By David Hands, Rugby Correspondent

For the first time since he bounced on to the international scene with four penalty goals and two dropped goals against Romania two years ago, Rob Andrew will not start as first-choice goal-kicker when England play Scotland at Twickenham on Saturday.

That role will go to Marcus Rose, leaving Andrew to concentrate on his play at stand-off half and on his new responsibility, of calling the moves for the back division. When England last took the field, against Japan in October, that task was given to Jamie Salmon; but it was felt that the role rested naturally with the stand-off, though Andrew will not lack for advice from Richard Hill, his captain, Salmon and Mike Harrison, his wing and captain during the Divisional Championship.

Andrew, with nine caps behind him — during which time has has accumulated 86 points for his country, from 21 penalty goals, five dropped goals and four conversions — will drop happily into the role. He called the moves during his three years at Cambridge, and he has done so for his club, Wasps, and for the North, and all three sides have savoured considerable success during that period.

"I hope he's not programmed to do certain things in certain areas of the pitch," Tony Rodgers, the Cambridge coach, said yesterday. "In the 1984 University match there was a loosely-formulated plan to keep things tight in the first 20 minutes, but just after the start the ball was kicked to Rob deep in his own 22 and he opened out and we scored a marvellous try. You have to be flexible."

Flexibility was the word used by Harrison who, at 30, is the oldest of England's backs. "With the North we were all playing to the same philosophy and I delegated *the job to Rob* because it's easier to call the shots from stand-off," he said. "We are flexible and there's bound to be communication along the line.

"In international rugby, chances are few and far between, and you have to make crucial decisions at the right time. It's that much easier if you have a philosophy which allows you to run good ball and everyone is tuned in to the same system."

Life has not been easy for Andrew since his international entry against Romania. He was unable to join England on their 1985 summer tour to New Zealand — when Stuart Barnes, his perpetual rival, played well — and he has not lacked critics during his Five Nations Championship appearances. This season will be a test of character as much as anything else.

Yet he won considerable approbation during last summer in Australia, playing for the Gordon club in Sydney, for his maturity both on and off the field. He returned home in September imbued with a positive attitude which was readily discernible in his play for Wasps and for the North. His approach is more aggressive, more physical and this is the season to show that his decision-making matches international demands.

The organizational ability of Salmon should be of material assistance, as should the understanding, bred from their Cambridge days together, with Kevin Simms, England's other centre. Andrew will be playing once more, too, against John Rutherford, his most respected opponent.

Munro will name 26 on March 24

By Ian McLauchlan

Bob Munro, the manager, yesterday outlined his plans for Scotland's World Cup build-up. The 26-strong squad will be expected to stop playing club rugby on March 24, when their selection takes place, unless they are involved in McEwan's National League matches, which count towards promotion or relegation.

The exception is for Border players, who have a special match against the touring New Zealand Barbarians on Sunday, March 29, when a full representative side is expected to turn out. But the Scottish Rugby Union hope that no player will be asked to turn out on successive days.

Following a two-week break from rugby, when the players will train under their district coaches, the first weekend squad session, involving only the selected 26, will be held at Murrayfield on April 11 and 12.

To keep the team match-fit, two fixtures have been arranged against the Spanish national team. On Wednesday, April 15, the SRU President's XV will play the Spaniards in the Borders at a venue yet to be finalised and, the following Sunday, a Scotland XV will play Spain at Murrayfield.

No caps will be awarded for the match, but, in the World Cup proper, a cap will be awarded for each game — irrespective of the opposition's calibre.

Scotland's second weekend squad session will take place on April 25 and 26 at a hotel in the Borders and will again be held in private. The final session will be at Murrayfield on May 3 when they will be issued with their touring kit.

Universities matches could be frozen out

If the freezing conditions continue, the game at Richmond on Friday afternoon, between English Universities and Scottish Universities, stands in doubt. It is hoped a decision can be made today, since several members of the Scottish team will have to start travelling this evening (David Hands writes).

The Scottish students have not been short of rugby over Christmas. They spent ten days just outside Paris where they won two of three matches played, two of which were against second division opposition. Apart from the game against the English, they are due to play Scotland Under-21 at Inverleith on March 4, and the Welsh Universities on March 20, at a venue in Scotland to be decided.

The English Universities XV selected for the match includes their two senior trialists, Jon Webb (Bristol University) and Will Carling (Durham University), both of whom missed the game against Irish Universities in Cork last week. Another Durham student, Andy Mullins, is available to prop, and David Kennell, the Bradford University wing who appeared for Coventry during the holidays, has recovered from influenza.

England Colts, whose match against a combined Services/London XV was frozen off on Sunday, are scheduled to play their next game against the north at New Brighton on January 25.

ENGLISH UNIVERSITIES: J Webb (Bristol); J Perkins (Bristol), A Buzza (Loughborough), W Carling (Durham), D Kennell (Bradford); A Sutton (Loughborough), M Hancock (Loughborough); A Birkett (Reading), M Humphrey-Evans (Nottingham), A Mullins (Durham), S Swales (Bristol), T Swan (Liverpool), M Reid (Loughborough), S Holmes (East Anglia), J Wilby (Loughborough).

Glennon is doubtful for Irish

Jim Glennon, the Irish second row forward, will probably need a fitness test before next Saturday's international against Wales in Cardiff.

The 33-year-old Skerries player is confident a damaged nerve in his knee, sustained when he ran into wing Trevor Rugland in training, will have cleared up. If Glennon, a surprise choice to face Wales, is not fit Constitution's Gerry Holland will replace him.

Italy's one and two

Brusson, Italy (AP) — Sepp Ploner, of Italy, won the 30-kilometre Coppa Consiglio Valle d'Aosta ski cross-country race in this Alpine resort. He covered the distance in 1hr 29min 30.7sec. Another Italian, Marco Albarello, was runner-up, 24 seconds behind. Jochen Belle, of West Germany, finished third.

GOLF

Seven picked for dip into £100,000 pot

From John Ballantine, Palm Springs, Florida

To them that have shall be given is a fair assessment of the enormous volume of money that has flowed into the pockets of golfers and tennis players in the last 10 years. The top golfers may not do quite as well as the leading stars of Wimbledon, like Boris Becker and Martina Navratilova, but overall they get their share, 83 American professionals winning more than $100,000 last season.

Another £100,000 has been added to their "pot" for this year with the announcement yesterday of a new event.

Epson, the Japanese company which sponsors the tables of statistics that have proved more entertaining and successful over here than was at first predicted, will put up that sum for a nine-hole event to be played on the Monday of the Tournament Players' Championship at Ponte Vedra in Florida in March.

It is restricted to the 1986 leaders of the nine statistical tables and carries a prize of $75,000 (about £50,675) for the best score plus another $25,000 (about £16,890) in additional prizes.

Greg Norman, the Open champion, who won two categories last year, putting and par-breaking, and Joey Sindelar, who scored the most eagles, 16, and the most birdies, 415, will be the favourites of the seven competitors.

The other five will be Calvin Peete (straight driving), John Mahaffey (hitting the most greens in regulation figures), Davis Love (best long driver with an average 285.7 yards), Scott Hoch (best average scores, 70.08, just better than Bernhard Langer's 70.19), and Paul Azinger (best bunker player).

The new event, which admittedly smacks a little of showbusiness but is nevertheless a welcome addition to the week's entertainment at the US PGA headquarters, will not be played on the championship course but on one of those nearby at Sawgrass.

SNOW REPORTS

	Depth (cm) L	U	Piste	Conditions Off Piste	Runs to resort	Weather (5pm)	°C
ANDORRA							
Soldeu	20	50	fair	powder	fair	snow	-6
New snow on hard base							
AUSTRIA							
Kitzbühel	70	150	good	powder	good	fair	-15
Excellent pistes							
FRANCE							
Flaine	132	235	good	powder	good	fine	-25
Conditions excellent but very cold							
Tignes	150	190	good	varied	good	fine	-15
Good skiing; cold conditions							
SWITZERLAND							
Crans-Montana	140	190	good	varied	good	fine	-13
Wind has affected conditions							
St Moritz	30	40	worn	heavy	poor	fine	-20
Very cold; skiing possible in most areas							
Verbier	80	220	good	powder	good	fine	-15
excellent powder skiing							
Wengen	100	150	good	powder	fair	fine	-18
Lovely snow but very cold							
Zermatt	90	180	good	powder	good	fine	-20
Cold but good skiing							

In the above reports, supplied by representatives of the Ski Club of Great Britain, L refers to lower slopes and U to upper.

SCOTLAND

Cairngorm: upper and middle runs, runs complete, new snow with icy patches; lower slopes, runs complete but narrow, new snow with icy patches; vertical runs, 1800ft; hill roads, slight snow; main roads, clear; snow level, 2000ft. Glenshee: upper, middle runs and lower slopes, runs complete, powder snow on a hard base; vertical runs, 1500ft; hill roads, very difficult because of drifting snow; main roads, very difficult because of drifting snow; snow level, 1000ft. Glencoe (weekends only): upper runs and lower slopes, runs complete, powder snow on a hard base; vertical runs, 1700ft; hill roads, clear; main roads, clear; snow level, 1000ft. Lecht: upper runs, runs complete, wide snow cover, new snow on a firm base; middle runs, runs complete, wide snow cover, new snow on a firm base; lower slopes, ample nursery areas, new snow on a firm base; vertical runs, 700ft; hill roads, clear; main roads, clear; snow level, 2000ft. Forecast for skiing areas today: Glencoe partly cloudy with isolated snow showers; all other areas mostly cloudy with frequent snow showers, heavy and prolonged later with extensive hill fog; all areas bitterly cold with sub zero temperatures and strong easterly winds. Outlook for tomorrow: little general change.

● Information supplied by the Scottish Meteorological Office.

FRANCE

	Depth (cm) Mn	Mx
Hte Savoie/Savoie		
Les Arcs	115	220
Chamonix Mont Blanc	65	175
La Clusaz	70	190
Courchevel	135	195
Flaine	132	235
Le Grand Bornand	100	150
Les Houches	60	180
Megève	85	175
Les Menuires	85	210
Morzine-Avoriaz	85	220
La Plagne	135	220
Pralognan La Vanoise	125	170
St Gervais	50	170
Samoëns	70	220
Val d'Isère	120	170
Valmorel	110	150
Val Thorens	200	270
Isère		
Autrans	100	130
Les deux Alpes	60	170
St Pierre de Chartreuse	65	140
Alpes du Sud		
Auron	30	50
La Foux d'Allos	20	30
Isola 2000	40	75
Risoul 1850	35	60
Vars	35	50
Pyrénées		
Les Agudes	70	130
Les Angles	10	50
Bareges	30	140
Cauterets	130	170
Font Romeu	25	35
Gourette	45	130
Superbagneres	70	110

● Information supplied by the French Government Tourist Office.

FOR THE RECORD

ATHLETICS

AMPTHILL, Bedfordshire: Eastern Counties cross-country championships: Men: 1, N Tennant (Luton), 36min 49sec; 2, M Shotbolt (Bedford), 37.42; 3, J Clarke (Grimsby), 37.44. Team: 1, Luton, 58pts; 2, Nene Valley, 137; 3, Cambridge University, 177;209pts; 2, Sheffield, 216; 3, Salford, 260.
DEWSBURY: Woodkirk Valley road race (6 miles): 1, M Batley (Wakefield), 31min 11sec; 2, R Smith (ASV), 31 13; 3, P Singer (Leeds City), 31.18. Veterans: 1, T Lyons (Holmefirth), 34.15. Team: 1, Wakefield H, 23pts. Women: 1, S Ramsdale (Leeds City), 34.22.

DARTS

FRIMLEY GREEN, Surrey: Embassy World Championship: Men's first round: T Uitos (Fin) bt R MacKenzie (Sco), 3-0; J Lowe (Eng) bt R George (Eng), 3-1.

BASKETBALL

CARLSBERG NATIONAL LEAGUE: First division: BPCC Rams Derby 96 (Sewell 29, Coe 26, Ellis 25), Drapers Tools Solent Stars 101 (Lewis 26, Marsh 23, Griffiths 22); Happy Eater Bracknell Pirates 92 (Scantlebury 29, Seller 21), Sharp Manchester Utd 95 (Brown 29, Jones 23); Leicester Riders 96 (Vaughan 32, Young 24), HFS Portsmouth 74 (Cunningham 27) Hemel and Watford Royals 101 (Knuckles 33, Keenan 28), Reg Vardy Sunderland 80 (Saunders 24); HomeSpare Bolton and Bury 90 (Crosby 38), Team Polycell Kingston 113 (McNish 21, Davis 20, Bontrager 20). Second division: Oldham Celtics 102, Tower Hamlets 82; Plymouth Raiders 113, Just Rentals Rhondda 128; TF Group Cleveland 87, CBS Centurians Colchester 107. NATIONAL TROPHY: Quarter-finals: Plymouth Raiders 90, Just Rentals Rhondda 138. NATIONAL LEAGUE (Women): First division: Avon Northampton 65, Team Polycell Kingston 55; BCP London 95, Nottingham Wildcats 65, Chamos Swifts Derby 61, Hemel and Watford Rebels 54; Hemel and Watford Rebels 49, London YMCA 79; Team Polycell Kingston 50, Stockport Louvolite 78; Typhoo Sheffield Hatters 70, Lambeth Lady Topcats 66.
UNITED STATES: National Association (NBA): Portland Trail Blazers 103, Milwaukee Bucks 91. Seattle Supersonics 127, Utah Jazz 111; Los Angeles Lakers 111, San Antonio Spurs 109.

EASTERN CONFERENCE

Atlantic Division	W	L	Pct	GB
Boston Celtics	23	10	.679	—
Philadelphia 76ers	19	16	.543	5
Washington Bullets	17	17	.500	6½
New York Knicks	12	23	.343	12
New Jersey Nets	10	24	.294	13½

Central Division	W	L	Pct	GB
Atlanta Hawks	23	9	.719	—
Detroit Pistons	21	10	.677	1½
Milwaukee Bucks	22	14	.611	3
Chicago Bulls	18	15	.545	5½
Indiana Pacers	17	17	.500	7
Cleveland Cavaliers	14	20	.412	10

WESTERN CONFERENCE

Midwest Division	W	L	Pct	GB
Dallas Mavericks	22	12	.647	—
Utah Jazz	21	13	.618	1
Houston Rockets	15	18	.455	6½
Denver Nuggets	15	21	.417	8
Sacramento Kings	9	24	.273	12½
San Antonio Spurs	9	26	.257	13½

Pacific Division	W	L	Pct	GB
Los Angeles Lakers	27	8	.771	—
Portland Trail Blazers	23	14	.622	5
Golden State Warriors	20	16	.560	7½
Seattle SuperSonics	18	15	.545	8
Phoenix Suns	14	21	.400	13
Los Angeles Clippers	4	30	.118	22½

BIATHLON

BOROVETS, Bulgaria: World Cup: Men's 10 km: 1, F Fischer (WG), 29min 04.2sec; 2, D Vasilev (USSR), 29:07.0; 3, V Medvedev (USSR), 29:21.4; 4, A Popov (USSR), 29:47.3; 5, E Reiter (WG), 29:47.3; 6, A Idanovich (USSR), 29:51.1; 7, J Matous (Cz), 30:01.6; 8, V Velichkov (USSR), 30:12.6; 9, G Fischer (WG), 30:15.4; 10, A Nepein (USSR), 30:27.4. Overall World Cup standings: 1, Medvedev, 97pts; 2, F Fischer, 78; 3, J Matous (Cz), 69. Team event (7.5 km): 1, USSR A, 1hr 25min 41.3sec; 2, USSR B, 1:26:28.6; 3, Czechoslovakia, 1:31:15.3. 4, East German and Czechoslovakia (Combined team), 1:31:30.0; 5, E Germany, 1.32:00.4.

CRICKET

SHEFFIELD SHIELD: Final day: Adelaide: South Australia, 534 and 153 for 1, bt New South Wales, 341 for 9 dec and 261 (G Dyer 53; T May 4 for 99), by nine wickets. Melbourne: Western Australia, 529 for 8 dec, drew with Victoria, 284 and 223 for 6.

FIGURE-SKATING

VILNIUS, USSR: Soviet Championships: Men: 1, A Fadeyev; 2, V Petrenko; 3, V Yegorov. Women: 1, A Kondrachova; 2, K Ivanova; 3, N Skrabnevskaya. Pairs: 1, S Grinkov and Y Gordeyeva; 2, O Makarov and L Seleznева, 3, R Kadykaev and Y Kvitchenko. Dance: 1, A Bukin and N Bestemianova, 2, G Sretenski and N Ananko; 3, A Yulin and M Ussova.

HOCKEY

DELHI: Indira Gandhi men's international championship: India 6, Poland 1; USSR 4, Kenya 1.
GLENFARCLAS CUP: First round: Aldenham 2, Marlborough 2 (aet; Aldenham won 4-2 on pens); Felsted 9, Cantord 0.

ICE HOCKEY

NORTH AMERICA: National League (NHL): Washington Capitals 2, Philadelphia Flyers 2 (in OT); Chicago Blackhawks 5, Detroit Red Wings 3; New York Rangers 8, Vancouver Canucks 3; Edmonton Oilers 5, Calgary Flames 3.

Wales Conference

Patrick Division	W	L	T	Pts	F	A
Philadelphia Fl	30	11	2	62	183	116
New York Is	22	17	3	47	157	144
Pittsburgh Pen	17	17	7	41	153	143
New York Ran	17	19	7	41	174	172
New Jersey Devils	16	21	5	37	151	191
Washington Cap	15	22	6	36	130	154

Adams League	W	L	T	Pts	F	A
Montreal Can	21	17	6	48	152	136
Hartford Whalers	20	15	6	46	134	131
Boston Bruins	18	18	5	41	142	132
Quebec Nord	17	20	7	41	148	145
Buffalo Sabres	12	25	5	29	141	163

Campbell Conference

Norris Division	W	L	T	Pts	F	A
Detroit Red Wings	16	18	8	40	132	146
Minnesota North	18	20	4	40	164	161
Chicago Hawks	17	20	6	40	158	178
Toronto Maples	17	19	5	39	146	149
St Louis Blues	16	19	6	38	143	161

Smythe Division	W	L	T	Pts	F	A
Edmonton Oilers	27	13	2	56	194	145
Calgary Flames	25	17	1	51	170	161
Winnipeg Jets	21	17	4	46	143	142
Los Angeles Kings	18	21	4	40	178	184
Vancouver Can	12	26	5	29	140	171

NORDIC COMBINATION

REIT I WINKL, West Germany: Two-day World Cup: First day jumps: 1, H Schwarz (WG), 226.0 pts; 2, F Glanzmann (Switz), 219.8; 3, K Sulzenbacher (Austria), 210.5. 4, H-P Pohl (WG), 208.3; 5, A Levandi (USSR), 207.4, 6, S Chervyakov (USSR), 205.3; 7, V Repka (Cz), 204.2; 8, H Kempf (Switz), 202.5; 9, J Parvianen (Fin), 202.3, 10, H Boegseth (Nor), 201.4.

REAL TENNIS

MANCHESTER: MCC v Manchester: (MCC names first): M Esterick bt M Thomas 3-6, 6-3, 6-0; N Cobb bt G Addison 5-6, 6-4, 6-5; P Quinn lost to C Carey 1-6, 2-6; P Heck lost to M Blower 2-6, 1-6; L Nicholson lost to B Stevens 2-6, 4-6. Manchester won 3-2.
CANFORD: Professional doubles: Men's final: K Fletcher and L Deuchar bt C and S Ronaldson, 6-2, 6-3. Women's doubles: Semi-finals: L Ronaldson and G Dean bt P Fellows and M Meisl 10-1; S Jones and A Warren-Piper bt K Allen and S McIntosh 10-8. Final: Jones and Warren-Piper bt Ronaldson and Dean 6-5, 6-4.

SKI JUMPING

STRBSKE PLESO, Czechoslovakia: World Cup, 90 m ski-jumping competition: 1, U Findersen (EG), 212.2 pts; 2, O Fidjestoel (Nor), 200.8; 3, E Vettori (Austria) 194.1. 4, H Stjernen (Nor), 193.5; 5, B Vacek (Cz), 192.8; 6, J Weissflog (EG), 191.4; 7, J Kalso (Fin), 187.0; 8, J Parma (Cz), 185.2; 9, A-P Nikkola (Fin), 183.7; 10, A Felder (Austria), 182.4. 70 m jump: 1, V Opaas (Nor), 226.80pts; 2, Felder, 222.50; 3, Nikkola, 220.20. 4, Vettori, 218.00; 5, Weissflog, 217.10; 6, C Hauswirth (Switz), 214.10; 7, Stjernen, 213.70; 8, Fidjestoel, 213.50; 9, Kalso, 212.10; 10, R Leskoinen (Fin), 208.70. World Cup placings: 1, Vettori, 149pts, 2, Opaas, 147; 3, J Weissflog (EG), 103; 4, P Ulaga (Yug), 101; 5, Findersen, 85, 6, Felder, 75; 7, Stjernen, 68, 8, T Klauser (WG), 66; 9, M Nykaenen, (Fin) 62; 10, M Tepes (Yug), 61. Leading Nations Cup standings: 1, Norway, 299pts; 2, Austria, 256; 3, Finland, 231.

SPEED SKATING

INNSBRUCK, Austria: Men's World Cup: 1,500 m: 1, H Vergeer (Neth), 2min 3.57sec; 2, P Nityläe (Fin), 2:03.61; 3, M Troeger (WG), 2:03.80; 4, H Magnusson (Swe), 2:04.05, 5, J Karlberg (Swe), 2:04.35; 6, H-J Baltes (WG), 2:04.47; 7, M Hadschieff (Austria), 2:04.89; 8, D Silk (US), 2:05.12; 9, G Karlstad (Nor), 2:05.17; 10, T Nietsch (WG), 2:05.37. 5,000 m: 1, L Visser (Neth), 7min 26.77sec; 2, G Karlstad (Nor), 7:26.89; 3, Nityläe, 7:29.43; 4, C Eminger (Austria) 7:30.22; 5, P Bengtsson (Swe), 7:31.79; 6, J Karlberg (Swe), 7:31.97; 7, Hadschieff, 7:34.06, 8, H Kraayenboos (Neth), 7:34.86, 9, Silk, 7:35.22; 10, Baltes 7:36.21.
DAVOS, Switzerland: Women's World Cup: First day: 500 m: 1, B Blair (US), 39.74sec; 2, K Kania-Enke (EG), 40.81; 3, A Stahnke (EG), 41.17. 1,500 m: 1, A Ehrig-Schoene (EG), 2min 05.90sec; 2, Kania-Enke, 2:05.90; 3, Blair, 2:06.94.

FOOTBALL

SAO PAULO, Brazil: Pele Cup Veterans' tournament: Argentina 3, Brazil 1. Placings: 1, Argentina, played 2, 3 points; 2, W Germany, 2, 3; 3, Uruguay, 2, 3; 4, Brazil, 3, 3; 5, Italy, 3, 0.

HANDBALL

BRITISH LEAGUE: Wakefield 19, Liverpool 26; Ashford Tanners 18, Ruislip Eagles 23; Olympia Cannock 18, Great Dane 32.
MIDLAND CUP: Quarter-final: Genpan Tornados 32, Olympia Cannock 22.

VOLLEYBALL

ROYAL BANK OF SCOTLAND NATIONAL LEAGUE: Men's First Division: Newcastle 3, Portsmouth 1, Polonia 2, Malory 3; Redwood Lodge 1, Liverpool City 3; OBC Poole 1, Speedwell Rucanor 3; Spark Crook Lodge 3, Colchester 1; Speedwell 3, Liverpool City 2.

JUDO

TOKYO: Matsutaro Shoriki Cup student international: Men's Under-78 kg class: Semi-finals: F Kaburagi (Jap) bt Teruhiko Sugiyama (Jap); R Matsuda (Jap) bt D Falkner (US). Final: Kaburagi bt Matsuda. Third place: Sugiyama bt Falkner. Under-65 kg class: Semi-finals: M Okuma (Jap) bt A Osaki (Jap); K Maruyama (Jap) bt M Koga (Jap). Final: Maruyama bt Okuma. Third place: Osaki bt Koga. Open class: Semi-finals: H Stoehr (EG) bt N Yamauchi (Jap); N Ogawa (Jap) bt V Venchev (USSR). Final: Stoehr bt Ogawa. Third place: Venchev bt Yamauchi. Under-95 kg class: Semi-finals: A Kanemaru (Jap) bt M Nakagawa; E Pechurov (USSR) bt J Sosna (Cz). Final: Kanemaru bt Pechurov. Third place: Nakagawa bt Sosna.

LACROSSE

BRINE NORTHERN LEAGUE: First division: Boardman and Eccles 8, Waconians 15; Heaton 10, Mellor 6; Sale 13, Ashton 7; Stockport 5, Cheadle 8; Urmston 8, Hulmeians 6.

NORDIC SKIING

CANMORE, Canada: World Cup: Men's 4 x 10 km cross-country relay: 1, Sweden, 1hr 51min 01.1sec; 2, Switzerland, 1:52:08.8; 3, Finland, 1:53:23.7; 4, Canada, 1:54:01.2; 5, Norway, 1:55:37.9; 6, USSR, 1:56:22.7; 7, US, 2:02:35.5, 8, S Korea, 2:10:07.7.

SQUASH RACKETS

GRANTHAM: Open championship: Men's final: S Cunningham (NZ) bt M Oxley (Cambs), 1-9, 9-5, 5-9, 9-3, 9-0. Women: D Vardy (Notts) bt C Jackman (Norfolk), 9-3, 10-9, 9-0.
LONDONDERRY CUP: Oundle v Tonbridge: (Oundle players first): J Knight bt C Fuente 9-2, 9-1, 9-3; K Hodgson bt C Sparrow 9-6, 9-5, 9-3; I Wilcock bt H Osler 8-10, 9-6, 9-7, 9-5; P Edwards bt A Cooper 9-4, 9-1, 9-6; M Nicholson lost to P Fuente 8-10, 7-9, 7-9. Oundle won 4-1.

TABLE TENNIS

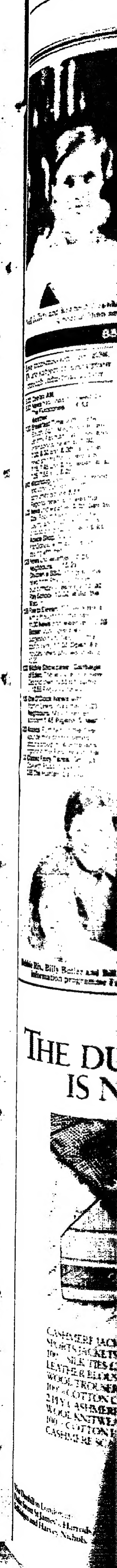
WOKING: Stiga South of England championships: Men's quarter-finals: S Mills (Yorks) bt G Sandley (Middx), 13-21, 21-17, 21-15; N Tyler (Middx) bt J Souter (Middx), 12-21, 21-15, 21-19; P Bradbury (Bucks) bt N Eckersley (Lancs), 21-16, 17-21, 21-18; N Mason (Surrey) bt S Andrew (Essex), 21-8, 21-13. Semi-finals: Mills bt Tyler, 16-21, 26-24, 21-15; Mason bt Bradbury, 21-16, 22-20. Women's semi-finals: M Sainsbury (Berks) bt L Tyler (Middx), 21-11, 21-16; J Grundy (Lancs) bt J Houghton (Kent), 22-20, 21-16.

TENNIS

ATP WORLD RANKINGS: Men: 1, I Lendl (Cz); 2, B Becker (WG); 3, M Wilander (Swe); 4, Y Noah (Fr); 5, S Edberg (Swe); 6, H Leconte (Fr); 7, J Nystrom (Swe); 8, J Connors (US); 9, M Mecir (Cz); 10, A Gomez (Ec); 11, B Gilbert (US); 12, M Pernfors (Swe); 13, K Carlsson (Swe); 14, J McEnroe (US); 15, T Mayotte (USA); 16, E Sanchez (Sp); 17, M Jaite (Arg); 18, K Curren (US); 19, A Jarryd (Swe); 20, T Tulasne (Fr); 21, J Svensson (Swe); 22, G Vilas (Arg); 23, J Kriek (US); 24, P Cash (Aus); 25, G Forget (Fr). Leading ATP prize-winners, 1987: (US$) 1, W Masur (Aus), $19,573; 2, Mecir, $18,344; 3, M Schapers (Neth), $14,294; 4, W Scanlon (US), $12,381; 5, N Odizor (Nig), $6,113; 6, C Limberger (Aus), $6,079; 7, Ramesh Krishnan (India), $5,558; 8, K Jones (US), $4,942 and B Pearce (US), $4,942; 10, D Rostagno (US), $4,738.

Colchester capture

Simon Lowe, the 24-year-old forward who has been on loan at Colchester United from Hartlepool United, yesterday signed permanently for the Essex club, who paid a small fee.



TELEVISION AND RADIO

Edited by Peter Dear and Peter Davalle

Neil Jeffery and Kenneth Cranham: they play the father and son in A Sort of Innocence (BBC1, 9.30pm)

It's unmasking time for Japan

CHOICE

A nation that can manufacture robots capable of building a pyramid of eggs without breaking any of them, is not to be underestimated. But, as John Pilger points out in **Viewpoint '87: Japan behind the Mask** (ITV, 10.30pm), we should be careful about getting carried away by such eye-popping examples of Japanese ingenuity, and swallowing from head to tail the myth that Japan is an economic model for the rest of the world to follow. Pilger's report is almost entirely a demythologizing one. Take the railways. Occidentals are impressed when Japanese guards salute their superiors (they get sacked if they don't), but the price paid for super efficiency is the loss of 70,000 jobs with another 100,000 in peril - equivalent to wiping out the whole of British Rail. Officially, Japan has no military forces. Actually, its "self-defence force" is the seventh largest in the world. School textbook censorship has reached the stage where the negative past (i.e. defeat in the Second World War) is deleted and replaced by positive nationalism. Nissan and Toyota are industrial giants all right, but they prosper thanks largely to armies of pygmies — part-timers who work for less than £2 an hour, with no sick pay or pension and three days holiday a year if they're lucky. Half Japan's houses have no flush toilets. Hospitals in the industrial city of Kawasaki are crowded with victims of pollution from petro-chemical plants and factories. And despite what Westerners are told about the emancipation of Japanese women, they are, in fact, still expected to look pretty, speak softly and behave well. Especially must they not bruise male egos. After all this, Pilger's conclusion is predictable: of all the achievements of the Japanese in recent years, the greatest is that they have managed to retain an everyday kindness, modesty and grace. I suspect his simplistic judgment will not go unchallenged.

● Best of the rest tonight: **Holiday 87** (BBC1, 7.00pm), under its new anchor man Frank Bough, is sharper, more newsy, and far less of an animated travel brochure...I liked **Bottled Lightning** (Radio 4, 8.30pm), Gillian Reeve's feature about Alice James, sister of writer Henry and psychologist William. What strength lay hidden in her secret writing!

Peter Davalle

Japanese woman in traditional costume: Viewpoint '87: Japan Behind the Mask (on ITV, 10.30pm)

BBC1

Live transmissions on BBC TV are subject to disruption through industrial action

6.00 Ceefax AM.
6.30 News headlines followed by **The Flintstones.** (r) **6.55** Weather.
7.00 **Breakfast Time** with Frank Bough, Sally Magnusson, and Jeremy Paxman. National and international news at 7.00, 7.30, 8.00 and 8.30; regional news and traffic bulletins at 7.15, 7.45 and 8.15; weather at 7.25, 7.55 and 8.25.
8.40 **Watchdog.** Lynn Faulds Wood and John Stapleton with consumer advice **8.55** Regional news and weather.
9.00 News and weather **9.05 Day to Day.** Robert Kilroy-Silk, his guests, and studio audience, discuss a topical subject **9.45 Advice Shop.** Margo MacDonald with advice on dealing with debt.
10.00 News and weather **10.05 Neighbours.** (r) **10.25 Children's BBC.** Programme news from Phillip Schofield, plus birthday greetings **10.30 Play School. 10.50 Willo the Wisp.** (r)
10.55 **Five to Eleven.** T.P.McKenna with a thought for the day **11.00** News and weather **11.05 Bazaar.** Judi Spiers with suggestioins to help cut the cost of living **11.35 Open Air,** includes news and weather at 12.00.
12.30 **Wildlife Showcase: Garbage of Eden.** The wildlife of a New Zealand town rubbish dump. (r) **12.55** Regional news
1.00 **One O'Clock News** with Martyn Lewis. Weather. **1.25 Neighbours.** Max hires an assistant **1.45 Pigeon Street.** (r)
2.00 **Anzacs.** Part two of the five-episode mini drama series about a group of Australians fighting in the First World War.
3.40 **Classic Fairy Tales.** George Cole with Puss in Boots. (r) **3.55 The Hunter.** Cartoon series. (r) **4.00 Count Me In.** Antony Johns rides a BMX. (r) **4.10 Dastardly and Muttley.** Cartoon. (r) **4.20 Jonny Briggs.** Serial. **4.35 The Really Wild Show.** Nature programme, with Terry Nutkins, Nick Davies, and Chris Packham.
5.00 **Newsround** with Roger Finn **5.10 Grange Hill.** Episode three. (Ceefax) **5.35 Fax.**
6.00 **Six O'Clock News** with Sue Lawley and Nicholas Witchell. Weather.
6.35 **London Plus.**
7.00 **Holiday 87** introduced by Frank Bough. Anne Gregg reports from Mauritius; John Pitman samples bracing Skegness; and John Carter joins a coach tour of Yugoslavia.
7.30 **EastEnders.** Dr Legg makes a hospital appointment for Arthur, and his daughter is determined he will keep it. (Ceefax)
8.00 **Hancock's Half Hour*** It is the weekend and Tony and Sid prepare to take the women of East Cheam by storm. (r)
8.30 **Tom O'Connor.** The entertainer takes the lid off the British at play.
9.00 **Nine O'Clock news** with Julia Somerville and Andrew Harvey. Regional news and weather.
9.30 **A Sort of Innocence.** Episode one of a new six-part drama about the impact on a woman, her teenage son and her second husband, of the re-appearance of her first husband, the boy's father. Starring Kenneth Cranham, Cheryl Campbell, Michael Byrne, and Neil Jeffrey. (Ceefax)
10.20 **Film 87.** Barry Norman reviews Heartburn, and Peggy Sue Got Married.
10.50 **Save a Life.** Dr Alan Maryon Davis with emergency first aid advice. (r) (Ceefax)
11.00 **Matt Houston.** Matt is threatened by a deranged hit-man, intent on revenge.
11.50 Weather.

Debbie Rix, Billy Butler and Bill Oddie: co-presenters of the information programme Fax! on BBC1, 5.35pm

BBC 2

9.00 **Gharbar.** Magazine programme for Asian women.
9.25 Ceefax.
1.00 **Telejournal.** A lunchtime news bulletin from Mexico City's Televisa SA station. (r)
1.25 **Songs of Praise** from St Magnus Cathedral, Kirkwall. (Ceefax) (r)
2.00 News and weaher.
2.02 **Laramie.** Slim Sherman is on the trail of a cache of stolen gold dust, needed to clear his dead father's name. (r)
2.50 **Cartoon.** Circus Today.
3.00 News and weather.
3.03 **World Darts.** Tony Gubba introduces highlights of yesterday's first round matches in the Embassy World Professional Championship.
3.50 News, regional news and weather.
4.00 **Pamela Armstrong** talks to castaway Lucy Irvine; and to three young Midlanders about the problems of the homeless. Antiques expert Tony Curtis examines nautical memorabilia.
4.35 **Look Stranger** introduced by Eris Robson. A tribute to Arthur Nicholson the cameraman who was behind the lens of Look North for more than a quarter of a century. (first shown on BBC North East)
5.05 **My Music.** A lighthearted test of musical knowledge chaired by Steve Race. With Frank Muir, John Amis, Denis Norden, and Ian Wallace.
5.30 **Tomorrow's World.** A repeat of last Thursday's programme which included a visit to Kew Gardens' new tropical rain forest, desert, and mangrove swamp.
6.00 **Film: One Spy Too Many** (1965) starring Robert Vaughn and David McCallum as men from UNCLE, in this adventure on the picturesque Greek island of Minos, battling with the evil Alexander who has stolen a specimen of lethal BG30 gas. With Dorothy Provine and Rip Torn. Directed by E. Darrell Hallenbeck.
7.35 **My Blood, Your Blood.** A Whistle Test special from the small Polish town of Jarocin, the scene of the biggest rock festival in Eastern Europe, and from Warsaw, where Whistle Test meet the people who make up the Polish rock scene.
8.30 **Food and Drink** includes a yoghurt best-buy tasting; and John Wilcox continuing his culinary tour of France with a visit to a roadside cafe.
9.00 **Film: In Love With an Older Woman** (1982) starring John Ritter and Karen Carlson. A made-for-television romantic comedy about a confirmed bachelor womanizer who falls for a divorced older woman who works in the same law firm. Directed by Jack Bender.
10.35 **Newsnight. 11.20** Weather.
11.25 **World Darts.** The Embassy World Professional Championship, second round. Ends at 12.15.

ITV/LONDON

6.15 **TV-am** presented by Mike Morris. Weather at 6.28 and 6.58; news at 6.30; sport at 6.40; and exercises at 6.58.
7.00 **Good Morning Britain** presented by Anne Diamond and Richard Keys. News at 7.00, 7.30, 8.00, 8.30 and 9.00; cartoon at 7.25; sport at 7.40; pop music at 7.55; and Jeni Barnett's postbag at 8.35. After Nine includes a repeat of a Su Pollard interview; Claire Rayner's advice column; and, at 9.17, exercises with Lizzie Webb.The guests include Toyah and Wayne Sleep.
9.25 **Thames news headlines** followed by **Robostory.** Cartoon series. **9.50 Beyond 2000.** Technology of the future **10.40 Struggle beneath the Sea.** The Firefish. (r) **11.05 Out of Step.** A drama about a teenage girl who is determined to become a dancer **11.45 Victor and Maria.** (r)
12.00 **Tickle on the Tum.** Village tales for children. (r) **12.10 Rainbow.** Learning with puppets. (r) **12.30 The Sullivans.** Drama serial about an Australian family during the Forties.
1.00 **News at One** includes Leonard Parkin interviewing David Steel and David Owen **1.20** Thames news **1.30 Bulman.** George and Lucy investigate a burglary and visit a remote island. Starring Don Henderson and Siobhan Redmond. (r) (Oracle)
2.30 **Daytime.** Sarah Kennedy chairs a studio discussion on Prisoners' Rights. With Jimmy Boyle, a former inmate of Barlinnie Prison; John Renton of the Prison Officers' Association; and Peter Timms, a former prison governor.
3.00 **Cross Wits.** Crossword quiz game presented by Barry Cryer. With Roy Hudd and June Whitfield. **3.25** Thames news headlines **3.30 The Young Doctors.** Medical drama series set in a large Australian city hospital.
4.00 **Button Moon.** Puppet series for the young **4.10 The Telebugs 4.20 He-Man and Masters of the Universe 4.45 Splash** meets the oldest man in Britain, and examines presenter Michael Groth's 12-track home recorder.
5.15 **Blockbusters.** General knowledge game for teenagers, presented by Bob Holness.
5.45 **News** with Alastair Stewart **6.00** Thames news.
6.30 **Busman's Holiday.** Julian Pettifer with another round of the places quiz. (Oracle)
7.00 **Emmerdale Farm.** A stranger comes looking for Graham.
7.30 **Reporting London.** Bill Wigmore examines the government's controversial bad-weather payment scheme.
8.00 **Inspector Morse.** The inspector investigates the death of a member of Oxford University's examination board who died a few days after overhearing something that he was not supposed to hear. What intrigues the inspector is the fact that the dead man was stone deaf. Starring John Thaw, Kevin Whatley, Barbara Flynn, and Michael Gough
10.00 **News at Ten** with Alastair Burnet and Sandy Gall. Weather followed by Thames news headlines.
10.30 **Viewpoint 87: Japan - Behind the Mask.** A John Pilger Special Report examining the the way the Japanese work, live, the way the children are educated, and the role of women. (see Choice)
11.30 **Film: Fiend Without a Face** (1958) starring Marshall Thompson. A science fiction thriller about three people, found dead near an American Army base in Canada from whom, a post mortem reveals, the brain and spinal column have been removed. Directed by Arthur Crabtree.
12.50 **Night Thoughts** from Gail Lawther, editor of Christian Woman magazine.

Paula Prentiss and Mariette Hartley: M.A.D.D. Mothers against Drunk Drivers (Channel 4, 9.00pm)

CHANNEL 4

2.15 **Their Lordships' House.** (r)
2.30 **Film: It's a Gift*** (1934) starring W.C.Fields. Comedy about a hen-pecked and harassed small town store owner who decides to start a new life as an orange grove owner in California. Directed by Norman Z McLeod.
3.45 **Years Ahead.** Magazine programme for the older viewer, presented by Robert Dougall. This edition examines various anniversaries which fall this year including Radio 4's Gardeners' Question Time's 40th anniversary; and Max Jaffa's 60 years in the music business.
4.30 **Jigsaw.** Quiz game for pairs, presented by Dickie Davies.
5.00 **Bewitched.** Darrin refuses a birthday gift and Maurice turns him into a mule.
5.30 **As Good As New.** In this penultimate programme on furniture restoring, Mike Smith begins work on the writing desk he bought for £45 at the beginning of the series; works on the Pembroke table; and on a pedestal table. (r) (Oracle)
6.00 **Remington Steele.** Remington is named by a magazine as one of the top five bachelors. When two of the man included on the list are murdered Laura begins to search for the killer. Starring Pierce Brosnan, Stephanie Zimbalist, and Roy Dotrice.
6.55 **Murun Buchstansangur.** Cartoon.
7.00 **Channel Four News** with Nicholas Owen and Christabel King.
7.50 **Comment** from Habib Asame, a member of the Afghan Mujahideen in Great Britain. Weather.
8.00 **Brookside.** Bobby is suspicious about what the shop steward tells him.
8.30 **Moneyspinner** from the Assembley Rooms, Edinburgh. Among the topics discussed is the investment of sudden redundancy money. Reporter John Diamond discovers the best time to spend money.
9.00 **Film: M.A.D.D: Mothers Against Drunk Drivers** (1983) starring Mariette Hartley and Paula Prentiss. A made-for-television drama based on a true story of a mother who begins a crusade against drunk drivers after her 13-year old daughter is killed by a hit and run driver who was on bail following an earlier drunk-driving charge. Directed by William A Graham.
10.50 **The Max Headroom Show.** The guests include Vidal Sassoon.
11.20 **Soap.** El Puerco is suicidal after Jessica tells him he isn't all that good in bed.
11.50 **Jazz at the Gateway.** With Oscar Peterson, Eje Thelin, and Don Weller.
12.30 **Their Lordships' House.** Highlights of the day's proceedings in the House of Lords, presented by David Walter. Ends at 12.45.

VARIATIONS

BBC1 WALES 5.35pm-6.00 Wales Today 6.35-7.00 Computer Challenge 9.30-10.00 Week In Week Out 10.00-10.50 A Sort of Innocence 11.50-12.20am Film 87 12.20-12.25 News and weather. SCOTLAND 10.50am-11.00 Dotaman 6.35pm-7.00 Reporting Scotland 11.00-11.30 Between Ourselves 11.30-12.20am Matt Houston 12.20-12.25 Weather. NORTHERN IRELAND 5.35pm-5.40 Today's Sport 5.40-6.00 Inside Ulster 6.35-7.00 Fax 11.50-11.55 News and weather. ENGLAND 6.35pm-7.00 Regional news magazines.

BBC2 SCOTLAND 8.30pm-9.00 Prosbag.

ANGLIA As London except: 9.25am Sesame Street 10.30 Cartoon 10.35 Jacksons 11.00 Guinness Book of Records 11.50-12.00 Cartoon 12.30pm-1.00 Getting On 1.20-1.30 News 5.15-5.45 Emmerdale Farm 6.00 About Anglia 6.35 Crossroads 7.00-7.30 Bygones 11.30 Mike Hammer 12.30am Tuesday Topic, Closedown.

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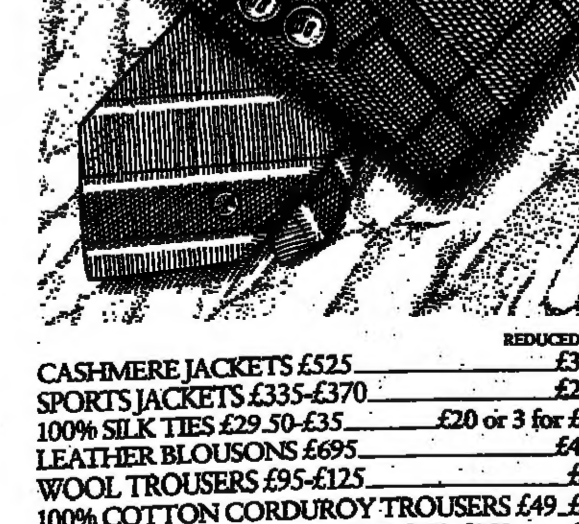

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5.30 Adrian John 7.00 Mike Smith's Breakfast Show 9.30 Simon Bates 12.30pm Newsbeat (Ian Parkinson) 12.45 Gary Davies (Top 40 singles) 3.00 Steve Wright 5.30 Newsbeat (Ian Parkinson) 5.45 Simon Mayo (Top 40 singles) 7.30 Janice Long 10.00-12.00 John Peel.

Radio 2

MF (medium wave). Stereo on VHF (see Radio 1)
News on the hour. Sports Desks 6.31am, 7.31, 8.31, 12.02pm, 1.05, 2.02, 3.02, 4.02, 5.05, 6.02, 6.45 (mf only), 9.55. Cricket (Fifth Test) 12.05am, 1.02, 2.02, 3.02.
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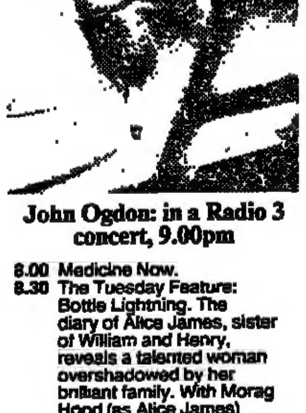
6.00 Newsdesk (until 6.30). 7.00 News. 7.09 Twenty Four Hours. 7.30 Computer World. 7.45 Network UK. 8.00 News. 8.09 Reflections. 8.15 Hard Knocks. 8.30 After Berlioz. 9.00 News. 9.09 Review of the British Press. 9.15 World Today. 9.30 Financial News followed by: Look Ahead. 9.45 Sounds of the Sixties. 10.00 News. 10.01 Discovery. 10.30 Runyon's Guys and Dolls. 11.00 News. 11.09 News About Britain. 11.15 Waveguide. 11.25 A Letter From Scotland (until 11.30). 12.00 Radio Newsreel. 12.15 Multitrack 1. 12.45 Sports Roundup. 1.00 News. 1.09 Twenty Four Hours. 1.30 Network UK. 1.45 Recording of the Week. 2.00 Outlook, opening with News. 2.45 Pierre Fournier. 3.00 Radio Newsreel. 3.15 A Jolly Good Show. 4.00 News. 4.09 Commentary. 4.15 Omnibus. 4.45 World Today. 5.00 News. 5.09 A Letter From Scotland (until 5.15). 8.00 News. 8.09 Twenty Four Hours. 8.30 Omnibus. 9.00 News. 9.01 No Laughing Matter. 9.10 Book Choice. 9.15 Concert Hall. 10.00 News. 10.09 World Today. 10.25 A Letter From Scotland. 10.30 Financial News. 10.40 Reflections. 10.45 Sports Roundup. 11.00 News. 11.09 Commentary. 11.15 Sing Gospel. 11.30 Pesticides — The Easy Way Out. 12.00 News. 12.09 News About Britain. 12.15 Radio Newsreel. 12.30 Omnibus. 1.00 News. 1.01 Outlook. 1.30 Report on Religion. 1.45 Country Style. 2.00 News. 2.09 Review of British Press. 2.15 Great Organists Play Bach. 2.30 Runyon's Guys and Dolls. 3.00 News. 3.09 News About Britain. 3.15 World Today. 3.30 Discovery. 4.00 Newsdesk. 4.30 No Laughing Matter. 4.40 Book Choice (until 4.45). 5.45 World Today. All times in GMT

Radio 3

6.55 Weather. **7.00** News
7.05 Morning Concert: J C Bach (Overture No 5, La cascina: Academy of Ancient Music), Sibelius (Rakastava: Academy of St Martin-in-the-Fields), Lalo (Guitare: Felicity Lott, soprano and Graham Johnson, piano), Turina (Rapsodia sinfonica:Alicia de la Larrocha: piano, with the LPO), Liszt (Festidanga: LPO). **8.00** News
8.05 Morning Concert (contd): Kupkovic (Souvenir, K-Rhapsody: Kremer, violin with Vienna SO), Gottshalk (Souvenirs d'Andalousie: Alan Marks, piano), Schubert (Symphony No 7, realised Brian Newbould: Academy of St Martin in-the- Fields).
9.00 News
9.05 This Week's Composer:Kodaly. Sonata Op 4 (Lavotha, cello and Aberg, piano), Seven Piano Pieces Op 11 (Sandor, piano), Approaching Winter, A Kozelito Tel, Op 5 No 1 (Melis, baritone with Orchestra of Hungarian Radio and TV
10.00 Arranged for the Princess Esterhazy: Anthony Goldstone (piano), Cummings String Trio. Haydn (Piano Sonata in G major, H XVI 440, and String Trio in G major, Op 53 No 1), Beethoven (Piano Quartet in E flat major, WoO 36 No 1)
10.45 Scottish National Orchestra (under Jarvi and Gibson). Rimsky-Korsakov (Tale of Tsar Saltan suite), and Stravinsky (Symphony in three movements)
11.30 BBC Singers in Durham Cathedral: Britten (Sacred and Profane: eight medieval lyrics),Tallis (In ieiunio et fletu), Whittaker (Requiem aeternam), and works by Byrd and Tippett
12.20 BBC Scottish SO (under Philip Ledger), with George Malcolm (harpsichord) and Gillian Weir (organ and harpsichord). Part one. J C Bach (Symphony in E, Op 18 No 5), and J S Bach (Concerto in C, BWV 1061). 1.00 News
1.05 Concert (part two): Handel (Organ Concerto No 13), Haydn (Symphony No 49)
1.45 Guitar Encores: Alexander Frauchi plays works by Weiss, Bach and Koshkin (The Sleeping Doll
2.15 String Past and Future: Ysaye (Sonata No 6: Kun Hu, violin), Enesco (Childhood Impressions: Stefan Ghoeorghiu, violin), Ysaye (Sonata No 4), Tchaikovsky (Variations on rococo theme: with Raphael Figueroa, cello). Ysaye (Sonata No 3: Andres Cardenes), Bartok (Violin Concerto No 2: Kyoko Takesawa)
4.25 Ferdinand Ries: Martin Jones and Richard McMahon (pianos) play the Grand Sonata in A, Op 160. **4.55** News
5.00 Mainly for Pleasure: a selection of recorded music, presented by Roger Nichols
6.25 A Touch of Spain: Ton Koopman (harpsichord) plays works by Cabanilles, Cabezon, Soler and Mateo Perez de Albeniz
7.00 Alberni String Quartet play String Quintet in E flat, K 614, with Patrick Ireland (viola)
7.30 That Man, Bracken: dramatized feature by Thomas Kilroy. With Alan Rickman as Bracken. Cast also includes Bruce Boa, Marie Kean, Brett Usher, John Hollis, Peter Woodthorpe, and Pauline Letts. The narrator is T P McKenna (r)
8.50 Tit for Tat: Richard Lloyd-Morgan (baritone) and David Harper (piano) in Benjamin Britten settings of words by Walter de la Mare
9.00 BBC Philharmonic (under Edward Downes), with John Ogdon (piano). Part one. Alexander Goehr (Symphony with Chaconne), Grieg (Piano Concerto), Sibelius (Symphony No 5). Interval reading at 10,10
11.00 First Night: Otello, at the Royal Opera House Covent Garden, reviewed by Eric Griffiths
11.10 Medtner Piano Sonatas: Hamish Milne plays the E minor, Op 25 No 2, The night wind. **11.57** News
12.00 Fifth Test. Australia v England. Live from Sydney. Transmission continues until 2.05am

Radio 4

LF (long wave) (s) Stereo on VHF
5.55 Shipping Forecast **6.00** News
6.30 Today, incl 6.30, 7.30, 8.30 News 7.25, 8.25 Sport
8.57 Weather; Travel
9.00 News
9.05 Call Nick Ross: 01-580 4411.
10.00 News; From Our Own Correspondent
10.30 Morning Story. Fragrant Concubines by Alexander Cordell.
10.45 Daily Service. New Every Morning, page 1. (s)
11.00 News; Travel; Thirty-Minute Theatre: Parish Magazine — Second Edition by Joan Bakewell.
11.33 The Living World. Ants, birds and frogs. Presented by Jeremy. Cherfas
12.00 News; You and Yours. Consumer affairs
12.27 My Music.
1.00 The World at One: News
1.40 The Archers
1.55 Shipping Forecast
2.00 News; Woman's Hour with Sue MacGregor. Ann Morris reports on the women who apply for what sound like glamorous jobs in Europe, working for the European Parliament, etc.
3.00 News; The Afternoon Play: Sunshine by Elizabeth Wainwright. With Brian Hewlett and Jennifer Piercey. The story of a retirement party in Llandudno.
4.00 News
4.05 Britain Revisited. Anthony Burton explores the Thames in 1632 seen through the eyes of waterman poet John Taylor. .
4.30 Kaleidoscope with Paul Vaughan. (r).
5.00 PM. News magazine
5.50 Shipping Forecast **5.55** Weather
6.00 The Six O'Clock News; Financial Report
6.30 King Street Junior. Eric Brown (Peter Davison) finds himself at the centre of a staff room conflict.(s)
7.00 News
7.05 The Archers
7.20 Anthony Burgess reads from the opening chapter of his autobiography Little Wilson and Big God, to be published next month
7.45 From the Listening Pavilion. Stephen Boxer reports on his travels in China



John Ogdon: in a Radio 3 concert, 9.00pm

8.00 Medicine Now.
8.30 The Tuesday Feature: Bottle Lightning. The diary of Alice James, sister of William and Henry, reveals a talented woman overshadowed by her brilliant family. With Morag Hood (as Alice James) and Anna Massey (as the Narrator).
9.15 In Touch. Magazines for the visually handicapped
9.45 Kaleidoscope with Michael Oliver. Includes items on the Whitbread Book of the Year awards, and the film Down by Law. Also recordings by Gervase de Peyer.
10.15 A Book at Bedtime: The Hottentot Room by Christopher Hope (Part 7 of 12). Read by Jack Klaff. 10.29 Weather
10.30 The World Tonight
11.15 The Financial World Tonight
11.30 Today in Parliament
12.00 News; Weather. 12.33 Shipping Forecast
VHF (available in England and S Wales only) as above except: 5.55-6.00am Weather; Travel. 11.00-12.00 For Schools: 11.00 Sounds Inventive (s) 11.20 Quest: Celebration of Navrati (s) 11.40 Quest: Celebrating Diwali (s) 1.55-3.00pm For Schools: 1.55 Listening Corner 2.00 La parole aux jeunes 2.30 Books, Plays, Poems 5.50-5.55 PM (continued).

FREQUENCIES: Radio 1:1053kHz/285m;1089kHz/275m; Radio 2: 693kHz/433m; 909kHz/330m; Radio 3: 1215kHz/247m:VHF-90-92.5; Radio 4: 200kHz/1500m: VHF-92-95; LBC:1152kHz/261m: VHF 97.3; Capital: 1548kHz/194m: VHF95.8: BBC Radio London: 1458kHz/206m: VHF 94.9; World Service: MF 648kHz/463m.

Injured Emburey puts England back in business

From John Woodcock, Cricket Correspondent, Sydney

England got out of trouble in the fifth Test match here yesterday – thanks to their later batsmen's putting their shoulders to the wheel. Emburey's effort was especially commendable, for he made 69 under the handicap of a strained groin, and England, in the end, conceded a first-innings lead of only 68.

After tea, Australia extended this to 142 for the loss of Marsh and Ritchie. Today is a rest day.

Peter Taylor, virtually unknown a week ago, finished England's innings with bowling figures of six for 73 in 26 overs. When he got rid of Gower in the fourth over of the day, his first 10 overs in Test cricket had brought him the wickets of Gower, Botham and Lamb, the makers of 35 Test hundreds between them.

Until now, Taylor's best analysis in first-class cricket had been his four for 31 in the second innings of last year's Sheffield Shield final between New South Wales and Queensland. Now, rather than his selection being thought of as some sort of administrative error (and he himself being known as Peter Who?), it can be viewed as a telling choice from a beleaguered committee.

It was on a world tour with the Australian Old Collegeians in 1980 that his bowling developed. They took in England on the way round, playing against sides such as the Club Cricket Conference and the Midlands Cricket Conference. When told that he was the first off-spinner to take six wickets in his first Test, Taylor said that it sounded "pretty nice", though he was "not into stats".

A couple of years ago, he thought the opportunity of playing first-class cricket, let alone Test cricket, had passed him by. Now that he has had "a sniff of what it's like", he hopes for more. He has a determined look about him, a pointed face and a neat ginger moustache.

Though not short of self-assurance, Taylor is more embarrassed than entertained, I think, by the fuss that is being made of him. His line in this England innings was not quite all that it might have been, which is probably why he thought he "didn't bowl that well". But that, as he said, is "the way it goes".

He has a nice high arm and a certain thrust, and, by Thursday, he may have a good pitch to bowl on. The ball is already turning a little and will be doing so rather more when England go in again. It has been a good match and there is plenty of cricket left in it yet.

A break-in overnight had left Botham without the bat with which he had hit Taylor for six a few hours earlier, but it had not deprived Gower of the wand with which he had made 62 not out on Sunday evening. Having started yesterday as though the magic was still with him – he scored another 10 in as many minutes – he then drove Taylor hard and straight to extra cover, where Wellham held a good catch.

With all their recognised batsmen gone, England were still 201 runs behind, and Australia must have been hoping to be batting again by lunch – or, at the latest, soon afterwards – with a lead of 150 or so. But, for England's seventh wicket, Richards and Emburey put on 71 and, for the ninth, Small helped Emburey to add 51.

Except when he was playing and missing at Reid, which he did fairly often to start with, Richards was excellent. He played Taylor better than anyone, making some fine, robust strokes against him and showing the straightest of bats in defence. Having come in when England were 119 for five on Sunday, the score was 213 for seven when he left, 25 minutes after lunch yesterday.

Emburey strained his groin taking a second run early in his innings, whereafter Athey ran for him. As Taylor observed, Emburey is a disconcerting fellow to bowl at, looking quite paralyzed at times, yet capable of exploding into violent action or nurdling the ball from unexpected positions in improbable directions.

There was a time, with Small as his partner, when there was no holding Emburey. In one over, he despatched Reid, bowling with the new ball, for three fours for which Athey had no need to run.

Emburey and Small were both out, in the end, trying to pull Taylor into the open spaces, Emburey having obstructed Australia by then for three and a half hours. Edmonds had pushed Taylor to short-leg and Richards had slashed Reid low to cover-point off the front foot.

England's last five wickets made 32 more than their first five and, before very long, Australia, in their second innings, had lost their opening pair – both out to good slip catches. Emburey fell to his left to catch Marsh off Dilley, and Botham, falling to his right, helped in a classical left-armer's dismissal – a ball from Edmonds turning as Ritchie pushed defensively forward.

Emburey's day was not over yet. Unable to run between the wickets, he had shown that he could still bat and catch, and he now bowled seven good overs as Border, quite belligerently, and Jones, rather quaveringly, saw out the day. Jones, in fact, spent the last 85 minutes making six – as though Australia had their backs to the wall – and no-one would have guessed at that when Gower had been out some hours earlier.

The crowd was 16,594 and the weather grey enough in the evening for the umpires to consult about the light.

Scoreboard

AUSTRALIA: First innings 342 (D M Jones 184 not out; G C Small 5 for 75).

Second innings

G M Ritchie c Botham b Edmonds	13
G R Marsh c Emburey b Dilley	14
D M Jones not out	6
*A R Border not out	38
Extras (lb 3)	3
Total (2 wkts)	74

D M Wellham, S R Waugh, P R Sleep, †T J Zoehrer, P L Taylor, M G Hughes, B A Reid to bat.

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-29, 2-31.

BOWLING: Dilley 10-2-31-1; Small 6-1-16-0; Edmonds 11-6-12-1; Emburey 7-2-18-0.

ENGLAND: First innings

B C Broad lbw b Hughes	6
C W J Athey c Zoehrer b Hughes	5
*M W Gatting lbw b Reid	0
A J Lamb c Zoehrer b Taylor	24
D I Gower c Wellham b Taylor	72
I T Botham c Marsh b Taylor	18
†C J Richards c Wellham b Reid	46
J E Emburey b Taylor	69
P H Edmonds c Marsh b Taylor	3
G C Small b Taylor	14
G R Dilley not out	4
Extras (b 9, lb 3, nb 2, w 2)	16
Total	275

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-16, 2-17, 3-17, 4-59, 5-119, 6-142, 7-213, 8-219, 9-270.

BOWLING: Hughes 16-3-58-2; Reid 25-7-74-2; Waugh 5-4-6-0; Taylor 26-7-73-6; Sleep 21-6-47-0.

Umpires: P J McConnell and S G Randell.

Effective, if not elegant: Emburey's approach disconcerts Waugh (centre) and Zoehrer (Photograph: Graham Morris)

Bats are trusted friends to us all

By Richard Streeton

For Ian Botham to have his favourite bat stolen from the Sydney dressing room during the fifth Test is akin to a violinist losing his own bow, a writer his pen, or a workman his chisel. Artists, performers, any of us, have a first choice tool of the trade. In feel, touch and custom, it is an old friend.

Cricketers and their bats are no different, especially now, when the leading players give the manufacturers precise specifications on what they want. They are present when the original, raw willow is chosen and they oversee every stage taken by the craftsmen, who still create each bat by hand with traditional tools.

Within the regulations the top players stipulate the blade's length and shape and the type of handle; and above all they decide upon the weight. It is this increasing weight which has brought the biggest change for manufacturers over the past 20 years.

In the days of Compton, shortly after the War, everyone's bat weighed between 2lb 2oz and 2lb 5oz. Compton, incidentally, was one of the few players who would pick up the nearest bat when it was his turn to go in. Nowadays such casualness would be risky. Ordinary bats tend to weigh around 2lb 8oz and strongly-built men like Botham wield bats approaching 3lb 8oz.

Most bats over three pounds

The fetish for heavier bats is also becoming more common at lower levels, with 75 per cent of the custom made bats ordered last year from Sport Tonica, a mail order equipment firm in Ewell, Surrey, weighing more than three pounds. This trend for monster bats has even caused speculation that the administrators might soon impose a weight limit. At the moment only the bat's maximum length and width are laid down. A heavy bat makes it possible to mishit slow bowlers for six from even a leading edge, hardly encouragement for an already dying breed.

The last time the laws concerning bats were changed was in 1980's revised Code of Laws which stipulated that the blade had to be made of wood. This followed an incident in a Perth Test match when Lillee, the Australian, tried to use an aluminium bat manufactured as a publicity gimmick.

Batsmen also have idiosyncrasies about the blade's weight distribution, while long, short or mini handles are also available. Lloyd, the former West Indies captain, has such big hands that he once asked the Lord's equipment shop to squeeze seven rubbers round the bound slices of cane, which make up the handle. Only six fitted.

Nearly all English county cricketeers receive their equipment free from the manufacturers who see the gifts – conspicuously trade-marked – as advertisements. The Test players are put under contract and paid estimated sums of between £5,000 and 10,000 annually to use a particular firm's bat.

Sponsorships raise prices

Among the main English players, Botham is contracted to use Duncan Fearnley bats; Gower (Gray-Nicolls); Gatting (Gunn & Moore); Lamb (Slazengers); and Gooch (Stuart Surridge). How much the big names boost bat sales under this method is unknown, but it is openly acknowledged in the trade that it raises bat prices for ordinary players by around 10 per cent.

Local cricketers now pay between £35-£87 in the better equipped shops. Ordinary mortals, too, are unlikely to have the use of the best graded willow, which is reserved for Test players. English willow remains the best in the world and is exported overseas to bat factories in Pakistan.

One factor common to all cricketers from Botham to the humble village player is that a bat remains highly personal and ideally everyone should buy their own. Bat manufacturers seldom put a bat's weight on the blade. "They believe it has to be a matter for individual feel, the 'pick-up' as we call it," an equipment salesman said. "Even a Test player can pick up two identical type bats, both weighing 2lb 10oz, and claim their balance differently. They reject one and retain the other simply by this pick-up."

If Lillee comes to mind in modern times for his freakish bat, the most famous example came in 1774 when 'Shock' White, of Reigate, produced a bat so wide it hid his stumps. The legislators hastily imposed a maximum width of 4¼ in, which remains unchanged.

RUGBY LEAGUE

Wigan pay record for Gregory

By Keith Macklin

Wigan have set a Rugby League world record for a cash transfer fee for the second year in succession. They have signed Andy Gregory, the Warrington and Great Britain scrum-half, for £130,000 – beating the £100,000 they paid Widnes exactly a year ago for Joe Lydon.

Wigan also hold the record for a transfer fee involving part-exchange players – the notional £150,000 they paid Bradford Northern for Ellery Hanley.

Gregory had earlier refused to join St Helens – though Warrington and St Helens had agreed terms at the same fee. Gregory made it clear that he wanted to play for Wigan, his home-town club.

The latest big-money signing by the Central Park club gives them a puzzling problem. They have at scrum-half Shaun Edwards, a young player who has just made the position his own against Michael Ford. Edwards is playing the best rugby of his short career since signing, as a precocious schoolboy, for £35,000.

If Gregory takes up his favourite scrum-half position at Wigan, Edwards may again be shunted around the back division and, as a result, might be tempted to ask for a transfer.

Other transfers that beat the Cup deadline yesterday were Mick Burke, the Widnes full-back, to Oldham; Hugh Waddell, the Blackpool forward, to Oldham; and Rick Thackray, the Warrington winger, to Widnes.

FOOTBALL

Future of artificial pitches takes a hammering from Football League managers

By Clive White

The threat to the future of the artificial pitch came closer to reality yesterday when the Football League's Management Committee announced that they would support West Ham United's proposal to halt the introduction of synthetic surfaces for three years when the League clubs meet to discuss the subject in Birmingham on January 29.

The Management Committee will also propose that the tentative permission already given to 10 clubs to lay artificial surfaces is suspended while the three-year ban is in effect.

Graham Kelly, the League secretary, said: "Basically the committee will support West Ham. They recognise there are so many reservations about artificial surfaces and that if a halt is not called, the time will have passed to take effective action.

"There is a lot of opinion against artificial pitches," he added. "People are vehemently against them because they say they produce artificial football. But it will be up to the clubs to decide where we go from here."

A two-thirds majority is required for the proposals to be passed and since most of those clubs contemplating the introduction of artificial pitches are from the lower divisions, where voting power is restricted, it can be expected that these pitches will, for the time being, be limited to those already in existence at Luton Town, Queen's Park Rangers, Oldham Athletic and Preston North End. These clubs will not be prevented, though, from improving their surfaces, and indeed Rangers hope to lay a new surface at the end of the season.

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The four clubs plan to organise a joint strategy for the League meeting. Luton yesterday defended their £400,000 pitch which Howard Kendall and Kenny Dalglish, the respective managers of Everton and Liverpool, both recently suggested should be "ripped up" with the others.

"It was probably the best surface for football available anywhere in England yesterday," Colin Moore, a Luton spokesman, said. "We have been pleased with the way it has played and the football we have seen on it. We have had fewer injuries, skill levels have increased and playing performances have improved."

Luton and their supporters will argue the financial benefits of playing on plastic, particularly to struggling clubs. Luton hire their pitch out for £135 a match to local clubs and organisations and expect to make a profit of about £100,000 this season.

With a warped sense of humour, fate chose to pair the two big Merseyside clubs, the most vociferous opponents of synethic pitches, with two of those clubs possessing such pitches when the fourth round draw for the FA Cup was made yesterday.

Oldham, managed by Joe Royle, a former Everton favourite, must win a replay at Bradford, and the possibility of Liverpool, playing on the most notorious of all artificial pitches at Loftus Road on January 31, depends upon them first beating Luton in the replay at Anfield, scheduled for tomorrow, and Rangers then forcing a draw at Anfield.

Of the Merseyside criticism of artificial pitches, Royle remarked: "While Kenny and Howard were great players and are now successful managers, they have no divine right to be right. I think you will find a lot of people do not agree with them."

Gatting chosen to lead MCC

Sydney – (Agencies) Mike Gatting, England's Ashes-winning captain, has been chosen to lead the MCC side against a Rest of the World XI at Lord's in August. The match will be the highlight of a string of events arranged to commemorate the MCC's bicentenary. Organisers are satisfied that 22 of the world's best cricketers will be available to contest the five-day game from August 20-25.

MCC's selectors – Peter May, Colin Cowdrey, and Gatting – can have their pick of those involved in first-class cricket in England next season, including the overseas players, with squads to be announced on March 7.

Meanwhile, in Australia, Gatting was still confident that England could win the fifth Test match, despite the efforts of Australia's Peter Taylor, who has taken six wickets in his Test debut. "It's going to be a bit of a task, and we shall have to play well on a pitch likely to turn more and more. But I think we're capable of doing it", said Gatting.

Barnes poised to join neighbours

By Steve Bates

Peter Barnes, the former England winger who has been an enigma throughout his turbulent career, is poised to move across Manchester for around £30,000 today and rejoin the club which sprang him to fame a decade ago.

Barnes, out of favour at United since Alex Ferguson took over, will have talks with City officials today before sealing a transfer that could spark off a clear out at both clubs.

Barnes, who first left Maine Road to join West Bromwich Albion for £650,000 in July 1979 before moving to Leeds in an ill-fated £970,000 deal in August 1981, was taken to Old Trafford by Ron Atkinson in July 1985.

The player said last night: "I will be talking to City in the morning with an open mind to see what they have to offer. I would like to have had another shot at claiming a United place but it seems I'm not in the manager's first team plans."

The Oxford United chairman, Robert Maxwell yesterday blocked a move by Liverpool to cut short their wait for their new signing John Aldridge. Despite Oxford's surprise FA Cup defeat by Aldershot, Maxwell insists his Aldridge must stay at the Manor Ground for another three weeks until his release date on February 2, when he will be allowed to formally join Liverpool.

Palace sue FA for gate loss

Crystal Palace are to submit a £10,000 compensation claim to the Football Association over the size of their gate in Sunday's third round home cup tie against Nottingham Forest. They argue that the live televised game between Luton and Liverpool reduced their Selhurst Park attendance to 11,618 instead of the expected crowd of at least 15,000.

Ron Noades, chairman of Crystal Palace, said: "We were ordered to play on the Sunday and the FA do not have permission from the Football League to have any of the early rounds televised live."

An FA spokesman said possible compensation on this matter would be unique. "If we receive a claim, then of course it will be considered."

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WRU experiment with under-soil heating

By David Hands

The Welsh Rugby Union is experimenting this week with an electric under-soil heating system. If it proves satisfactory – and a decision is to be made shortly, a spokesman for the Union said yesterday – work will begin on introducing the system at the national stadium in Cardiff in May.

The only national ground in Britain and Ireland which has under-soil heating is Murrayfield (which was a gift to the Scottish Rugby Union), and their system has been in constant use each season since it was laid down in 1959. It guarantees not only representative matches themselves, be it at senior, district or schools level, but a frost-free ground on which the national side can train.

During the present cold spell, the WRU have set aside a corner of their ground for experimentation, while covering the rest of the ground with heavy-duty polythene. The same kind of covering is used at Twickenham, and yesterday both Unions reported the playing surfaces in good condition for Saturday's Five Nations championship matches between Wales and Ireland, and England and Scotland.

The covers are designed to keep out up to 10 degrees of frost, and the main fear at Twickenham is heavy falls of snow which might prove difficult to clear on the eve of the Calcutta Cup match. Wales will make a decision on Thursday; Ireland will, in any case, train in Dublin before leaving for their headquarters in Porthcawl.

Huddersfield hoping

Huddersfield Town are hoping they can beat the Siberian freeze and stage tonight's FA Cup third round replay against Norwich City. The pitch has survived one inspection – an achievement in itself with last night's four delayed ties and five of tonight's seven replays off.

"The pitch is bone hard, but there is hardly any snow and we are optimistic at this stage," a Huddersfield spokesman, said.

Cardiff's City's return match against Millwall was the only other tie still on but the chances of the pitch surviving a morning inspection are remote.

Chelsea (v Aston Villa), Plymouth Argyle (v Bristol City), Stoke City (v Grimsby Town) and Barnsley, at home to Caernarfon, will try again on Monday.

The four twice-postponed ties are scheduled for tomorrow but the clubs concerned do not hold out much hope. Nor do West Ham United, who have delayed their replay against Orient by 24 hours

Bradford City's decision to invest £30,000 on a set of double-skinned polythene covers is likely to pay a handsome dividend with their match against Oldham Athletic tomorrow the only one in the north likely to proceed.

● Norwich City have two injury problems for their FA Cup third round replay against Huddersfield at Leeds Road tonight. Crook, who has a thigh strain, is virtually certain to be ruled out and Butterworth is struggling with a hamstring injury. The Norwich manager Ken Brown has put Barham, Putney and Elliott on standby.

SPORT IN BRIEF

Coetzee in comeback

Gerrie Coetzee, South Africa's former World Boxing Association heavyweight champion, will make a comeback within the next two months, a spokesman for the fighter said in Johannesburg. His opponent will be "an internationally known" heavyweight whose name is not being released before his arrival in South Africa.

Coetzee's last bout was 10 months ago when he was knocked out in the first round by Frank Bruno, of Britain. He announced his retirement. Names of sportsmen going to South Africa are regularly withheld until their arrival to avoid pressure from anti-apartheid groups.

Coetzee: beaten by Bruno

Johnston quits

Billy Johnston, manager of Glentoran, has resigned after two years with the Irish League football club. The club twice won the Irish Cup but have picked up only eight points from their last nine games.

Squash shock

Australia have been seeded to win both the men's and women's events in the British Under-23 Squash Open on January 17-23 at Marlow. The top seed for the men's competition, not surprisingly, is the defending champion, Rod Martin, but the choice of Liz Irving, in preference to Lucy Soutter, of England, the world junior champion, as the top woman is a surprise.

Top scorer

Jack Holliday, centre forward in the Brentford football team which rose from the third to the first division before the war, has died in Enfield aged 78. He scored 118 goals for the club including a record 38 in the 1932/33 season. After his playing days he continued on the Brentford training staff.

Alpine choice

Füssen in the Bavarian Alps has been chosen as the venue for the Uniroyal World Junior Curling Championships in March next year. Ten countries including Canada, the United States, Scotland and England, will take part. West Germany is also staging this year's European senior championships at Oberstdorf in December.

Marsh bout

In his last contest before challenging for the world light welterweight championship in March, Terry Marsh is to face the American, David Taylor, on January 28 at Fairfield Halls, Croydon. Taylor's record is 10 wins, four defeats and two draws.